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Jewish Community Council of Ottawa
Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir

Reports of Standing Committees Agencies and Institutions and Affiliated Organizations

to be presented to the

14th Annual General Meeting

of the

Jewish Community of Ottawa

coinciding with the

54th Annual General Meeting

of the

Jewish Community Council

Wednesday evening, June 8, 1988

23 Sivan 5748

**Jewish Community Centre,
151 Chapel Street
Ottawa, Canada**

AGENDA of the 54th Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community Wednesday, June 8, 1988

1. Meeting is called to order by the President.
2. Invocation — Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum.
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 10, 1987.
4. Presidential Report — Stephen Victor.
5. Review of the Annual Reports of the President, Standing Committees, Beneficiary Agencies and Member Organizations, contained in the Special Edition of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin, dated June 3, 1988.
Questions and discussion.
6. Resolution approving the acts of the Officers and Executive Committee since the last Annual Meeting.
7. Report of the Nominating Committee and election of Officers — Norman Zagerman, Chairman.
8. Report of the Nominating Committee and election of Trustees-at-Large — Norman Zagerman, Chairman.
9. Presentation to Gideon and Amira Meir on forthcoming departure from Ottawa.
10. Presentation to Avi and Naomi Gil on forthcoming departure from Ottawa.
11. Presentation to Abe Nadrich upon completion of 30 years of service to the Jewish Community Council.
12. Presentation to Rossie Rose upon retirement after 29 years of service to the Jewish Community of Ottawa.
13. Presentation to Gittel Tatz for distinguished and dedicated service as Executive Director.
14. Presentation of Freiman Family Young Leadership Award of the Jewish Community of Ottawa to Barbara Farber — by Audrey Freiman.
15. Presentation of the Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award of the Jewish Community of Ottawa for 1988 to Grete Cohen by Gerald Berger, Chairman, Selection Committee.
16. Good and welfare.

Open to the Community

Dessert and Coffee 7:00 p.m.

Proceedings 7:30 p.m.

President's Report

Stephen Victor



Those of you who were present when I made my inaugural address June 10, 1987 will recall that I highlighted three areas of concern which required our urgent attention as a community. One of these was the problem of Teen dropout from Jewishness which I consider a major crisis. In order to counteract the crisis we established the Council of Teens under the Chairmanship of Morris Presser with a mandate:

1. to review, co-ordinate, revitalize and rejuvenate teen programming and the delivery of services to teens, in a Jewish atmosphere, through the Jewish Community Centre, the synagogues, B'nai Brith and other youth organizations;
2. to establish viable vehicles to teach religion and an awareness of Jewish identity to the young people of our community and to provide our youth the opportunity to develop and grow as Jews; and
3. to utilize and co-ordinate the resources in our community to re-enforce the teen's connectedness with the Jewish community, the Jewish people and with Jewish ideals and heritage.

Morris gathered around him a host of concerned parents, who tackled the problem head-on with gratifying results. On Sunday, December 6 over 150 aspiring young actors, actresses, singers and dancers auditioned for parts in the all youth production of Fiddler on the Roof. This mammoth undertaking was successful beyond our wildest dreams when it was performed in front of capacity audiences on May 9 and 10 at the High School of Commerce.

February and March saw three very successful Teen functions planned for and by the teens themselves at specific grade levels.

Another series of three events equally as successful took place in May.

In addition, Beth Shalom West met the challenge by opening their own Teen Lounge. They hope that their programs will be integrated with all those planned by the Teen Council and the J.C.C. Teen department. It is a wonderful beginning. Now we must ensure that the creative energy that brought us these successes, continues to help us move in a positive direction with the Teens of this community.

Another area which I targeted for special attention one year ago is the new insidious anti-semitism of the 80s.

While there has always been anti-semitism, it was below the surface. Unfortunately that has changed. There is a well-organized, well-financed effort against all things Jewish, sometimes in the guise of anti-Zionism, but in fact it is all blatant anti-Semitism. We cannot sit back and hope it will go away. We must not hide our heads in the sand. We must respond in a positive and informative manner. We must respond to the likes of Zundel and Keegstra and Malcolm Ross. Our efforts to ensure the inclusion of Holocaust Studies in the curriculum of the Ottawa Board of Education are a case in point. Dr. Eli Rabin, who chaired this effort and those who assisted him prepared briefs for the curriculum, provided endless information for the members of the Board and attended numerous meetings. They not only succeeded in having the Holocaust included, but they also managed to have current political issues i.e. the present Palestinian issue excluded. It was a substantial achievement.

While this issue was on the agenda of the OBE the Palestinian riots began in Gaza and the West Bank. The Ottawa Citizen was filled with letters to the Editor pro and con and tied the two issues together. As a result, shortly after the OBE made their decision Keith Spicer Editor of the Ottawa Citizen hosted a dinner meeting between four members of the Jewish community and four representatives of the Palestinian Community of Ottawa.

The Annual CIC Policy Conference which usually highlights the excellent relations between the Canadian Jewish Community and its elected representatives backfired this year when Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs criticized Israel, in a speech which lacked historical context and balance and thus implied a shift in Canada's Middle East Policy. The community responded in a forthright and forceful manner, clearly delineating the inaccuracies in Mr. Clark's statement and requesting an immediate clarification.

My letter of March 11 (the day after the Clark Statement) to Prime Minister Mulroney which was reproduced in the March 18 issue of the Bulletin received a personal response from the Prime Minister which appeared in the April 1 issue.

The community responded with a massive Communications Blitz under the guidance of Barbara Farber, Chairman of the Community Relations Committee. From 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on March 23 volunteers were on hand to send telegrams and letters to the Prime Minister, to the leaders of the other parties and to their members of Parliament. The Canada-Israel/Community Relations Committee has formed a Political Action Committee whose function will be to build relationships, to educate and to monitor what is happening on the political scene. In a similar vein you will recall that a Political Liaison Committee was established at the time of the Provincial Elections in order to meet the Candidates and to make them aware of the Jewish agenda. We will mount a similar effort prior to the anticipated federal election.

The Conference of Mayors of capital cities hosted by Mayor Jim Durrell last October required our attention as Mayor Teddy Kolleck of Jerusalem was not invited. A small leadership delegation met with the Mayor several times to protest the decision, but to no avail.

The other targeted area requiring attention was the annual U.J.A. Campaign. The 1988 United Jewish Appeal Campaign which was so ably chaired by Avraham Iny and Susannah Dalfen of Women's Division has come to a successful conclusion and plans are already under way for the 1989 effort under the Chairmanship of Stephen Greenberg. In order to help increase the levels of giving, broaden the base of support and seek out new dynamic leadership in this area we will look to Dan Kimmel as Chairman of Long Range Campaign Planning Committee. The

committee will evaluate, recommend and target those areas which require our special attention.

The Long Range Planning Report prepared by Drs. Charles Freedman and Bernard Dolansky was presented to the May 18 meeting of the Board of Trustees and approved unanimously. The two priorities identified were Jewish Survival, and Services to the Elderly.

The report recommends that:

1. A priority area for new funding over the next five years be "Jewish survival".
2. A priority area for new funding over the next five years be services for seniors.
3. New and imaginative approaches to fundraising be developed to facilitate the provision of more and improved services.
4. The Jewish Community Centre's future be considered in the light of the priorities set out in this report.
5. Two committees, one for survival and one for seniors, be given the responsibility for refining and costing the recommendations proposed in this report.

The revitalization and rejuvenation of a relevant Jewish Community Centre, as a programming agency and as a facility, was also established as a priority. In this regard, on January 13, 1988 the Executive Committee of the Vaad passed a resolution that the Vaad in conjunction with the Jewish Community Centre, build or acquire a new J.C.C. facility provided funds were available and feasible and an appropriate site be located. A committee was struck under the chairmanship of Bernard Dolansky to investigate these and other matters.

One of the most exciting occurrences of this past year was the recent purchase of a parcel of land at the south-east corner of Broadview and Kerr Avenues, adjacent to the Campus. The site, which has an area of about 2.08 acres and on which is situated two buildings, will form a useful addition to the Campus property. This purchase is harmonious with the long-range plans of the Vaad.

This past year Dr. Eli Rabin assumed the responsibility of bringing the proposed Multiple Appeals Policy into being. I am pleased to report, that after reviewing similar policies from communities across Canada and meeting with member organizations, beneficiary agencies, and Israel based organizations, the Policy was accepted at the May 18 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Another longtime concern was that no Personnel Code existed for Vaad personnel. Thanks to the efforts of Zelaine Shinder who undertook this responsibility last fall, I am pleased to say that the final draft has been approved and is in the process of being implemented.

The Ottawa Jewish Community marked Israel's 40th Anniversary with a number of celebrations including a film festival, a music festival, a flag raising at City Hall and a major celebration at the Civic Centre on Wednesday, April 20 under the auspices of the J.C.C. The "piece de resistance" will be a function marking the end of the 40th year's celebration at the National Arts Centre on October 15, 1988 featuring Yitzhak Perlman who will meet and mingle with guests of the Gala after the performance. This program is brought to the community through the generosity and co-operation of Minto Construction and the Jewish Community Council.

There are numerous committees functioning week in and week out in the best interests of the community. One of these is the Soviet Jewry Committee ably chaired by Dr. Walter Hendelman and Rabbi Dr. Reuven Bulka. Their finest all-time achievement brought Natan (Anatoly) Shcharansky to Ottawa on September 15, 1987 for a quick leadership lunch and a mass rally in the sanctuary of Beth Shalom Congregation. It was a momentous, moving and inspiring occasion.

Young Leadership Development has just completed the almost 2 years of learning, growing and observing how this community functions. Chairman Mark Berlin, and the members have learned leadership skills, worked on campaign and tried their hand at problem solving. A subsidy of \$12,000. has been allocated to help members of Young Leadership Development attend the Yachdav Conference in England and Israel this summer which will include Young Leadership from across the Keren Hayesod world. In the same vein, the Executive found a way to pay tribute to the Freiman Family who have been in the forefront of communal and national leadership for many years by establishing the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award. The criteria states that the recipient must have participated in the Young Leadership Development program, worked in the community for 2 years after that, and be under 40 years of age. The first recipient will be Barbara Farber who will receive the award at the Annual Meeting on June 8.

The 3rd Annual Hy Hochberg Memorial Lecture was held on Sunday, April 17, and featured Elizabeth Holtzman, the Brooklyn District Attorney who was instrumental in the passage of legislation to deport Nazi War Criminals from the U.S. There were some 200 people present to hear her address that evening which was arranged and chaired by Chairman Dan Kimmel. It is our hope that next year's annual lecture will take place as part of Arts Alive, as a joint venture with the Jewish Community Centre.

Our ties to Israel were strengthened in the past two years by Ottawa twinning with Neot Herzl, a strip of four neighbourhoods in Netanya along the coastal road between Tel Aviv and Haifa. This Project Renewal effort is under the able guidance of Chairman A.J. Freiman and his deputy Lawrence Greenberg. They have spent endless hours poring over plans and budgets for our Renewal neighbourhood and recently travelled to Israel for a week of meetings to finalize details before releasing any funds. By next year we expect that Ottawans visiting Israel will begin to see the fruit of their labours.

As you can see by this report, it has been a busy, eventful, challenging and satisfying year. Our community is moving and growing, ever ready to meet the challenges and the changing needs of our Jewish people.

Volunteers play a leading and major role in these endeavours, but it would be impossible to accomplish our aims without the dedicated and devoted assistance of the professional and support staff of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir and the United Jewish Appeal. I would be remiss if I did not use this space to thank our Executive Director Gittel Tatz along with each and every member of the staff complement for their outstanding efforts during the course of the year. Their names and pictures appear elsewhere in this issue.

In closing, I want to express warm appreciation to the Officers, the members of the Executive Committee, the Trustees and all the Committee Chairmen who have worked so diligently on behalf of the Ottawa Jewish Community. I look forward to another year of your support and co-operation.

An Overview

Gittel Tatz, Executive Director



As we approach the end of the 54th year since the formation of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir, we reflect on our beginnings, review our achievements and plan for the future in an organized manner.

In order to do that we must look at the beginnings of this exceptional community, the unique communal structure we have enjoyed for fifty-three years. Patterned after the kehillah system of Eastern Europe, our Jewish Community Council or Vaad Ha'Ir as it is more popularly known, has been the catalyst around which the community has coalesced. Central to the entire process have been the able, committed and respected leaders who have been at the helm of the organization from its inception.

While most federations started as coalitions of social welfare agencies, the beginnings were different in Ottawa. Here, the founders of the Vaad were the synagogues and they continue to be involved to this day. Conversely, the religious life of this community is very much our concern. Structural changes have, of course, taken place over the years. New groups have been admitted to membership and there is wider ad-personnum representation. But the basic principles set down by the founding

fathers are as valid today as they were in 1934.

Still, it is a far different community than it was in those days. Many new people now swell our ranks. Most came from a different orientation and the challenge continues to be to bring them into the mainstream of Jewish community life. That is not a simple task. The Shalom Welcome Service and the Ladies Reception Committee reach out to newcomers to make them feel welcome and to help them adjust to our community. The Young Leadership Development and the Human Resources Development Committees seek out, educate and make an effort to place those who wish to serve in whatever area they choose. The Councils on Teens and Seniors have specific target groups which we feel require special attention.

The Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee as well as the Long-Range Planning Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee for a new J.C.C. help us to consider the ramifications of the changing needs of our community and the resources required to meet those needs. The mandate of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign and the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation is to ensure that there are sufficient dollars to fund the programs and services which we

deem necessary and which will help to keep the Ottawa Jewish Community in the forefront of all those on the North American scene.

All of those tasks listed above and much more is co-ordinated on a day-to-day basis by the Vaad. Our function can best be described as follows:

- We are the central address of the organized community, governed and administered by Officers, an Executive Committee and a Board of Trustees elected annually by members in good standing of the Jewish community.
- We are the umbrella through which our educational, cultural, family welfare, leisure, youth, aged, charitable and community relations needs at home and abroad are satisfied.
- We have a planning, priorities and budgeting system which sets communal priorities, avoids duplication of services and disburses funds in an organized way.
- We work for the advancement of the community and represent it in areas of Jewish and general interest.
- We promote co-operation among Jewish organizations and help them achieve their objectives.
- We plan for the future in order to keep pace with the expanding needs of our growing community.
- We maintain the Community Calendar and publish the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review.
- We administer the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation which provides additional funds for many of our agencies, on an annual basis, and will eventually be the main source of funding for the local Jewish community.
- We conduct the United Jewish Appeal

Campaign which is the lifeline for the programs and services we fund on the local, national and Israel scene.

It has been a demanding year on our lay leaders and staff but there is also a sense of satisfaction in what we have accomplished. We enter the 54th year of the Vaad's existence with a solid foundation, the confidence of the community and with faith in the future.

Initially, annual reports did not appear in printed form. Instead, they were actually read at the Annual Meeting by their authors — and consequently, this meeting was one that could last far into the night. Then for some years we published a booklet of Annual Reports which was distributed at the meeting and only highlights were presented orally. Now we publish them in this Special Edition. We save time at the meeting, have a permanent record and the reporting can be in greater depth. Moreover, since the Bulletin is distributed to everyone in the community, accountability is served more fully.

I close these reflections with warm appreciation to the President, Officers and Board of Trustees for their co-operation and encouragement and to my colleagues on the Council staff for their loyal and devoted services. In light of the fact that I will shortly be moving on to other challenges, I would take this opportunity to thank everyone who was so supportive during the last three years. It has been a busy, stimulating, gratifying and most pleasant experience. I have no doubt that the community will continue to meet the challenges, to achieve its goals and to add to the already rich legacy upon which future generations will continue to build. Shalom ve'hitraot.

Long-Range Planning Committee



Dr. Bernard Dolansky,
Dr. Charles Freedman, Co-Chairmen

The Long-Range Planning Committee was constituted in September 1983 by the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir. Its goal was twofold: first, to analyse demographic, economic and financial developments in the Ottawa Jewish community in order to provide a framework for rational planning; and, second, to propose priorities for the community for the coming years. The first part of the task was completed with the publication of a report on April 9, 1986. Since then the committee has been working on the second part of its mandate.

To obtain community input into its deliberations the committee held 14 meetings with a variety of groups. In total, 250 people attended these meetings. A summary of the proceedings was presented in a report by our consultant, John Long, entitled "Long-Range Planning: Community Impact Forums" (August 1987). In addition, a number of the beneficiary agencies prepared briefs on long-range planning that were presented to the committee.

A draft report was prepared by the committee which identified "Jewish sur-

vival" and "services for seniors" as the two service areas that should receive priority for new funding over the next five years.

The draft report of the long-range planning committee was accepted by the Executive Committee of the Vaad Ha'Ir. It was then circulated to beneficiary agencies for comment and discussion at a subsequent meeting. It was published in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin of January 22, 1988 to enable the community-at-large to comment. The final version incorporating modifications resulting from agency discussions and community feedback has been submitted for approval to the Board of Trustees.

The acceptance of the document by the Trustees will be followed by the establishment of two committees, one on senior citizens and the other on survival issues.

We would like to thank all those who participated in the deliberations and meetings of the Committee. Special thanks are due to the staff who assisted us so ably.

Reach out to a neighbour... Volunteer!



Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation



Charles (Chick) Taylor, President

The Officers and Directors of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation are pleased to report continued growth during the past year. As of March 31, 1988, the total capital in the Foundation was \$3,705,500, consisting of 255 individual Funds. During the past 12 months we had our largest gain in capital since our inception, \$863,000. This year we will mark another milestone in our history when we cross the \$4,000,000. For the year ended Dec. 31, 1987, \$314,500 was allocated to local and Israeli charities. It is anticipated that there will be \$250,000 available for distribution for the year 1988.

Since the last annual meeting of the Vaad, the following Funds were opened in the Foundation: Clara and Albert Brunberg Memorial Fund, Jack and Honey Monson Endowment Fund, Joseph and Betty Feller Endowment Fund, Harold and Yetta Pearl Memorial Fund, Charles and Eva Sector Endowment Fund, Abraham and Mary Shaffer Memorial Fund, Beth Israel (Pembroke) Religious School Fund, Reuben and Sylvia Molot Endowment Fund, Norman Mirsky Memorial Fund, Laura and Milton Greenberg Endowment Fund, Lawrence Freiman Fund for Children with Learning Disabilities, Norman and Stella Torontow Endowment Fund, Hyman and Pearl Lief Endowment Fund, Dorothy and Herbert Nadolny Endowment Fund, Norman and Amelia Loeb Endowment Fund, Florence Family Memorial Fund, Nathan, David and Max Zelikovitz Families Endowment Fund, Harry and Bertha Pleet Endowment Fund, Anne and Irving Sabran Memorial Fund, John Raichman Memorial Fund, Morris and Clare Schwartz Endowment Fund, and Haberman Family Scholarship Fund.

The Insurance Program has continued to meet with the Community's acceptance. Our total insurance in force as of March 31, 1988 is \$1,250,000. If you are in your 30's or 40's and both spouses are non-smokers, the premium is unbelievably low. Speak to your insurance agent and get the rate that applies to you. The Foundation will issue income tax receipts for the entire premium that you pay.

During the past year, we have received a number of generous bequests from the wills of the following: Estate of Lawrence Freiman — \$10,000., Estate of Reuben Molot — \$3,000., Estate of Norman Mirsky — \$10,000., Estate of Gertrude Cohen — \$24,635. (The total of the Abraham and Gertrude Cohen Memorial Fund is now \$189,635.), Estate of Faye Cohen \$1,000., Estate of Esther Smith \$10,000. What beautiful expressions of concern for the future of our Community.

Much of our growth has come from bequests in wills. Therefore, the Directors are again suggesting that when you are updating your will, discuss with your lawyer a bequest to the Foundation, which will perpetuate your name in the Community, FOREVER. The bequest can be directed to benefit a favourite charity within the city or it can be left to the discretion of the Directors who will direct it to a beneficiary agency that requires financial aid.

For information regarding the establishing of a Fund, call Casey Swedlove at 236-5442 or Laura Greenberg at 232-7306. For a copy of the Annual Report and Auditor's Statement call Laura Greenberg at the above number.

United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa



Avraham Iny, General Chairman

Prior to the official launching of the 1988 United Jewish Appeal Campaign, I was privileged to lead a Mission to Israel and Poland. For those of us who visited Poland, the emotional impact was quite overwhelming. We were all very happy to fly to Israel and meet up with the rest of the group.

In Israel, we were briefed on the military, political and economic situation, visited many points of interest and generally gained an insight into the dynamics of Israeli life which is only possible by first-hand encounters. We were afforded the opportunity to participate in the moving dedication of the Hy Hochberg Sports Centre in Metullah.

Once again, the concept of soliciting the donors in the Major Gifts and Special Names Divisions prior to the opening events proved very successful. In an effort to better inform our Major Donors, a special meeting was held early in the Campaign at which time the President of the Vaad, Stephen Victor, gave a report on the status of the Community and on its short-term and long-term goals. This meeting proved to be a most effective tool at this level of campaigning. My sincere thanks to the Co-Chairmen of Major Gifts, Sol Shabinsky and Sol Shinder, the Co-Chairmen of Special Names, Dan Cantor, Gerald Levitz and John Tavel, my Deputy Chairman, Stephen Greenberg and Special Advisor, Dan Kimmel for their outstanding efforts.

The Major Gifts Dinner was held on September 29th and set the pace for the general campaign which began its active solicitation of donors in all divisions. Our Super Week telethon, which helps us to reach hundreds of donors, quickly completed 2,635 cards, representing contributions of \$390,266. This total was an increase of 7% over the same cards in 1987. Canvassing in all divisions continued and by the end of December, pledges totalled \$3,013,112. The results indicate that with an intense effort and push, the Campaign can and should be almost entirely completed between September and December.

Super Walk '88, the final fundraising event of the current United Jewish Appeal calendar took place on Sunday, May 29th. By all indications, at the time of this being prepared, the Walkathon should be most successful.

Early in June, I will have the opportunity to express, in person, my appreciation to all the volunteer workers at a Kovod reception. In the meantime, I want to express my gratitude to all the people with whom I have worked and to all the donors to United Jewish Appeal.

**Please Pay
your U.J.A. Pledge today!**
It will make a world of difference

United Jewish Appeal Women's Division

Susannah Dalfen, Chairman



Women's Division began the year with a new approach to its structure and the establishment of an executive committee and subcommittees composed of the members of the cabinet. With Ruth Berger as vice-chair; Myra Aronson as associate chair of functions; Lynda Greenberg, education; Vera Klein, categories; Sandra Levinson, Kaleidoscope; and Bennie Merovitz, Outreach, the executive set to work.

The inaugural event for the Division was a cabinet retreat, attended by most of the 40 women cabinet. During this day-long program we reviewed canvassing techniques and geared up for our campaign.

September was the most active month for Women's Division. It opened with the launching of the Business and Professional category which held a suc-

cessful breakfast meeting addressed by the Hon. Flora MacDonald. The persistence and efforts of four women, Paula Agulnik, Benita Blustein, Geri Goldstein and Natalie Stern were responsible for the establishment of the new and vital component of Women's Division. Another new program initiative took place the following week with an Outreach to women in the Craig Henry area. The large turnout for this evening reinforced our belief that we must design our programs to meet the specific and unique needs of various segments of the community.

A training evening for all Women's Division canvassers was then held which was designed to improve, encourage and educate.

The Leadership category gathered for

a wonderful dinner at which Shira Bessin spoke of Israel as middle age approaches. The new Pomegranate pin (for donors of \$2500.-\$4999.) was presented to 16 women, and more women joined the ranks of Lion of Judah.

The cornerstone of the Women's Division educational program was "Kaleidoscope", an event which highlighted a number of outstanding Jewish women speakers. The evening opened with an address by the Hon. Chaviva Hosek, newly appointed Minister of Housing. At a breakfast the next morning Alti Rodal spoke of her study of the history of Nazi War criminals in Canada. A panel then shared with a delighted audience their experiences as Jewish women. Closing the program was Dorothy Reitman, president of the

Canadian Jewish Congress who brought us up to date on the effects of glasnost on Soviet Jewry.

The fundraising and educational activities of Women's Division were well received by the community as is evidenced in the 9% increase in our campaign over last year. The Business & Professional category is flourishing with outstanding year round programming which is attracting many women who have heretofore not been involved in communal activities.

To close our year, Women's Division sponsored an evening of Appreciation and Installation, as a way of thanking the many women who contributed in a wide variety of ways to be success of our endeavour. It could not have been done without everyone's efforts and commitment.



Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee

Dr. Charles Freedman, Chairman

The Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee is mandated with the overall responsibility for the integrated planning, budget and allocation system which was developed a number of years ago. This winter, the Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee set guidelines for the 1988-89 budgeting cycle. Essentially, these called for base budgets of 100% of the 1987-88 allocation. In addition, agencies may submit requests for new programs, which will be evaluated in terms of their consistency with communal priorities.

The Panels on Individual and Group Services and Jewish Education have assisted the agencies in controlling their budgets and in clearly defining their basic program priorities. At the same time, the budgeting system gives the Council input into the planning and priority setting of the service agencies based on the Vaad's broader community perspective.

Once the two panels complete their review of agency requirements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1988, recommendations will be passed on to the Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee. From there the consolidated recommendations will go to the Executive and Board of Trustees for approval.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the Planning and Budgeting panels and staff for their diligent efforts and commitment to the process.



Audit Committee

Issie Landau, Chairman

The membership consists of Lorry Greenberg, treasurer of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, and several members of the accounting community including Leonard Cogan, Alan Freed and Albert Rivers. In addition, Mr. L.G. Levitz, representing our auditors, Ginsberg, Gluzman, Fage & Levitz, is invited to attend the meetings.

The Audit Committee met twice during the year 1987-88 in accordance with its ongoing mandate to review the Financial Statements of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir and the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa; monitor the proper selection and application of accounting principles and practices; review the extent to which previous recommendations have been implemented; and report back to the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees.

The Financial Statements of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1986 were examined in May 1987. In November, 1987, the statements of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1987 were reviewed.

Various financial statement presentation issues were examined and resolved to the satisfaction of all parties involved.

Subsequent to the meetings of the Committee, I met with the members of the Executive Committee, reported on our findings and recommended their acceptance of the Financial Statements.



Multiple Campaign Appeals Committee

Dr. Eli Rabin, Chairman

During the past year the Multiple Campaign Appeals Committee has been meeting to prepare a document with regard to the organization of the numerous fund-raising campaigns which take place in our community during the course of a year. The committee is confident that a final draft document will be ready for acceptance by the Board of Trustees by the end of May. The centrality of the United Israel Appeal has been clearly affirmed and at the same time the community leadership has recognized the very important roles of numerous local, national, and internationally based organizations in the fund-raising field. The Multiple Campaign Appeals Committee has taken into account the various interests within the Ottawa Jewish Community. The policy articulated will ensure the continuation of the excellent tradition of unity within our community and will enhance the orderly progress of fund-raising by the various groups engaged in this vital activity.

Committee on Grants

Alf Chalton, Chairman

The Committee on Grants was formed in the fall of 1985 by the Executive Committee of the Vaad. The mandate of the committee is to ensure that beneficiary agencies are benefitting from all available sources of third-party funding for their programs. The committee serves as a clearing house on government and foundation grant programs and seeks out new sources of funding.

Membership consists of representatives of our major beneficiary agencies and community members at large who have some experience in governmental funding and private foundations.

Over the past year, the Committee has undertaken to educate the Ottawa-Carleton area M.P.P.s about the Jewish Community of Ottawa, and our present and future needs and goals.

Through monthly meetings, to which a different M.P.P. is invited, relationships are being developed between our agencies and the politicians.

Discussions have been positive and extremely informative and will hopefully result in additional monies becoming available for the community.

Holocaust Committee

Vera Gara, Chairman

This year has been a busy one for the Holocaust Memorial Committee.

A letter-writing-campaign to the Minister of Justice was organized urging him to bring the twenty known war criminals living in Canada to justice.

We also supported the Vaad Ha'Ir in its fight to have the teaching of the Holocaust included in the curriculum inserts at the Ottawa Board of Education. This included attendance at numerous meetings at the Ottawa Board of Education, as well as a letter writing campaign to the trustees.

We are actively pursuing the establishment of a Holocaust Resource Centre here in Ottawa.

The committee is in the process of organizing the commemoration for the 50th Anniversary of Kristallnacht. Our plan is to hold a short ceremony outdoors on Parliament Hill, with a reception inside Parliament. A number of well known individuals have been suggested as keynote speakers.

This year was the 10th anniversary of the unveiling of the Holocaust Memorial at the Jewish Community Cemetery. To commemorate this event on May 1st, 1988, we invited John Laskin, son of the late Chief Justice Bora Laskin, to read the speech given by his father ten years ago. The original torchbearers replayed their parts in the commemorative ceremony: David Aptowitz, Moshe Feig, Gretl Fisher, Maria Gora, William Grossman and Harry Hecht. Stephen Victor, President of the Vaad Ha'Ir spoke on behalf of the community.

The legacy was read in Yiddish by Leah Kalin, and the acceptance was read by Dr. Harry Prizant, on behalf of the Second Generation. Jordan Levitin and Karen Zunder repeated the poetry they read on the same occasion ten years ago. This year a number of grade 7 and 8 students of Hillel Academy presented a moving program.

Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein gave a thought-provoking sermon. Cantor Kraus concluded the ceremony with a rendition of the Haskara, Kaddish, Zog Nit Keinmol and Ani Ma'Amin.

From the cemetery the audience moved to the Jewish Community Centre where they partook of a light luncheon. The keynote speaker for the afternoon program was John M. Rosen, representative of the Wiesenthal Centre, who spoke on "Kurt Waldheim on Trial - An Address to the Jury".

During the afternoon session, students representing the Ottawa Modern Jewish School gave a short, but stirring presentation.

The session was ably chaired by Agneta Gibson of the Second Generation, with participation of Sylvia Greenspoon and Mendel Good.

We wish to take this opportunity to commend the educators for preparing their students to speak with feeling and understanding on the difficult subject of the Holocaust. We also wish to thank everyone who worked so diligently to make this program a reality.

Anyone wishing to join our committee and help us to continue our work need only call the Jewish Community Centre at 232-7306 and leave their name and telephone number.

Council on Services to the Jewish Senior Adult



Hinda King, Chairwoman

This committee is a continuation of one which has operated for several years with a mandate to examine the needs of the Jewish elderly in Ottawa. Our terms of reference have remained essentially the same: to clarify the present situation vis-a-vis resources in the community, to identify present and future needs, as well as to co-ordinate services both present and future. Unlike earlier committees which had a policy of open-ended membership, we decided to limit representation to the three agencies actively involved with the Jewish elderly in Ottawa, namely, Jewish Social Services, the Jewish Community Centre and Hillel Lodge.

The Long-Range Planning Committee has identified planning for the elderly as a high priority. It is our hope that this committee, by planning together as a whole, by pooling resources for the elderly, and by deciding on funding requests, will be able to expedite the work of the Vaad in decision-making for this important target population.

The committee has met once monthly since November 1987. We have made recommendations related to issues such as transportation, the Directory of Services, Sunday programming, the Hillel Lodge proposal for a Hillel Day program, telephone accessibility for information and help twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

The ultimately important decisions with which the Jewish community will be faced is the question of a Jewish Nursing Home (as opposed to Hillel Lodge, which is a residence), the feasibility of an apartment-residence for seniors, as well as the question of long-term chronic care for the Jewish elderly in Ottawa.

Human Resources Development Committee



Chuck Merovitz, Chairman

The Human Resources Committee was established by the Vaad in 1985. Its mandate is to recruit, educate and integrate members of the Jewish Community into the volunteer network. The committee serves a dual purpose. It provides an avenue for those interested people who would like to become involved to do so, and as a direct result, the various boards, panels and agencies under the Vaad's umbrella, receive an infusion of new talent.

I am pleased to report that we have had great success with this assignment. This year, thirty-four women and men responded to our volunteer recruitment drive.

Our initial meeting was a reception at which agency presidents and executive directors presented an overview of their organizations and the role of the volunteer. Those in attendance signed up with the boards and committees in which they were interested.

The concept of the Human Resources Committee has proven very positive. Our community has gained the services of some very talented and committed people.

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Canada Israel/Community Relations Committee

Barbara Farber, Chairwoman



This has been an extremely active committee. Our mandate through the Community Relations Committee is to deal with local and regional issues and through the Canada-Israel Committee to handle national and international events as they affect our community. 1987/1988 has demanded our full attention on both fronts.

Community Relations: A philosophy of the Vaad has been to build bridges within the secular community. The Jewish Community cannot be seen as being totally insular in their approach. To that end, our committee has become a member of the National Capital Alliance for Race Relations (NCARR). We are officially represented by Walter Hendelman and Stephen Naor. Through our membership, we are involved with many communities and we speak together with one voice on many local issues.

The aforementioned hard-working gentlemen are also the official representatives to the Multiculturalism Committee of the Ottawa Board of Education. As a result of difficulties experienced with the Holocaust Curriculum proposal at the OBE, an Ad Hoc strategy and working committee was formed and masterfully chaired by Dr. Eli Rabin. Goals were set to educate the OBE trustees, and to accomplish the inclusion of the Holocaust Curriculum. Their

efforts under, at times, very trying circumstances, were rewarded with success. Yasher Koach on behalf of the community to Eli and his committee.

Prior to the September provincial elections, a Political Liaison Committee was formed and was chaired by Stuart Levine. Committees of two or three people covered eight ridings and dealt with issues such as Race Relations, provincial funding for Jewish day schools, religious education in public schools and Israel-Ontario trade. In future, we shall publish short perspectives of the various candidates in the Bulletin.

An excellent community response to "The Development of a Policy on Race and Ethnocultural Equity" was formulated by Arlene Godfrey, Stephen Naor and Walter Hendelman and was sent to Chris Ward, Minister of Education.

In February, Julie Taub organized a forum entitled Private Prayer/Public Education at Ottawa University. The panelists were Reverend Canon, William Gilbert, Education Consultant and Research Director for the Anglican Diocese, K. Haffajee of the Ottawa Muslim Association; Rose Wolfe of the Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress; and William Wan, Pastor of Chinese United Church. Keith Spicer, Editor of the Ottawa Citizen was the Chairman. As a result of the Forum we gained working friendships in other

communities and the Citizen published an excellent Op Ed piece by Bernie Farber expounding the Jewish Community viewpoint. We also participated in media coverage discussions at the Ottawa Citizen.

Canada-Israel: The Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories focused world media attention on the Middle East. Our committee responded by preparing background kits with briefing notes and general media alert instructions. We felt it was crucial to educate our own members to enable them to better deal with this focus. Women's Federation organized an information night for Presidents and Chairmen of organizations and as Chairman of CIC Barbara Farber was moderator. Updates by way of fact sheets and correspondences were supplied to the Ottawa Bulletin.

On March 9 and 10 the Annual CIC Conference and Parliamentary Dinner was held. For the first time ever, the Prime Minister appeared at the reception prior to the dinner. However, as a result of Joe Clark's disastrous speech at the Conference, a Political Action Committee was formed and will remain in place permanently to guide policy and local reaction. We have learned through this experience that we must always remain on the alert.

A communication blitz was organized for March 23. It took place in the board

room at the JCC for a twelve hour period. Petitions were signed, telegrams sent and letters written to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clark and the various MP's. Members in the community were helped with the "hows and whos" to contact in times of crisis. And we also encouraged a policy of showing appreciation for favourable speeches and actions.

The response from the Government was positive. Statements and letters were issued confirming Canada's past policies and loyal friendship to the State of Israel.

If this Committee has but one message to impart to the Community it is that *never again will Jews be silent*. If there is an issue that disturbs us locally, provincially, or nationally we must speak. Our voice is strong and it is respected. Remember too, that friends like to be appreciated. Reproaches are better received when accolades are also forthcoming.

Sincere thanks to our Staff-person Lillian Laks, Executive Director Gittel Tatz, Vaad Staff, committee members and members of the community at large without whom, our response would have created far less impact. And last, but not least, my mentor, past chairman of this committee and President of the Jewish Community Council, Stephen Victor.

Foundation for Jewish Education

Martin K. Levinson, F.C.A., President



The Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education is a registered charity. It was set up for the purpose of being able to support Torah education in Canada, Israel, the U.S. and other countries of the world.

We are pleased to list hereunder the names of the institutions which solicited funds in Ottawa during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1987 and the amounts raised by each of them:

Rabbinical College of Canada	\$3,877.00
Diskin Orphan Home	2,854.00
Rabbinical Seminary of America	1,752.00
Beth Joseph Zvi Dushinsky	2,502.60
Slabodka Yeshiva	1,489.47
Center Yeshiva Beth Joseph	517.00
Maor Hagola Rabbinical College	1,095.00
Heichal Hatalmud	1,412.00
Yeshiva Gedola Merkaz Hatorah	744.00
Ner Israel Rabbinical College	1,550.00
Knesset B'nai Hagola	2,408.00
Yeshiva Ohel Moshe Diskin	1,678.40
Ner Israel Yeshiva College	1,613.00
Beth Jacob School for Girls	2,271.00
Oir Hachaim Tasher Yeshiva	1,269.00
Israel Children's Home	1,971.00
Yeshiva Kerem B'Yavneh	362.50
Yeshiva Derech Chaim	100.00
Congregation Imray Chaim	1,323.00
	<u>\$30,788.97</u>

A total of 19 institutions solicited funds in Ottawa and raised a combined amount of \$30,788.97. The Canadian Foundation charges a 5% administration fee for this service.

As well, the Foundation acts as a transmittal agent for certain institutions. These funds are sent in from other communities in Canada and the Foundation handles the transfer, scholarship forms and receipting. For this service, a 3% administrative charge is levied.

During the fiscal year under review, the following funds were handled:

Ponevez Yeshiva	\$15,450.79
Hebrew Theological College	5,300.00
	<u>\$20,750.79</u>

Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers

Carol Greenberg, Chairman



This year marked another milestone for the Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers to the Ottawa Jewish Community with the celebration of its 62nd tea.

For more than thirty years, hundreds of women from around the world have been welcomed by the Committee. Our founding Chairman, Bea Hock, has had a sincere concern that no newcomer should be alone and friendless in a strange community. Her dedication to befriending newcomers, seeking them out and making them welcome is infectious. Today she still remains a pillar of strength to all of us.

This Committee is a volunteer group of 18 women, "Chai", under the auspices of the Vaad Ha'Ir. Other mandate is to offer newcomers friendship and hospitality and to assist in integrating them into our community. As a committee, we are proud of the many lasting friendships that have originated at our teas. The present committee members are: Sarah Berke, Rose Betcherman, Ruth Calof, Marcia Caplan, Rena Cohen, Naomi Cracower, Doris Edelstein, Ronnie Gavvie, Vera Glube, Carol Greenberg, Beatrice Hock, Sonia Kizell, Miriam Levitin, Ida Lithwick, Shirley Solomon, Miriam Weiner, Ethyl Taylor, Sally Weltman and Greta Cohen.

Two teas are held each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Committee planning meetings are held prior to the teas. Invitations are issued to all new women newcomers, followed by a telephone call. Transportation is available for those who require it. For the teas, sandwiches and desserts are prepared by the committee members. The guests are welcomed and introduced to one another. A printed list of Jewish organizations and community activities is distributed. Anyone wishing more information should contact Carol Greenberg, 728-0981.

Women's Federation

Elissa Iny, Sunny Tavel, Co-chairmen



The Women's Federation is the vehicle by which all women's organizations in Ottawa come together under one umbrella to work for the benefit of the entire community.

This year we have seen ourselves as an arm to the community in responding to current issues before us.

Through this process we were apprised of the facts regarding the Holocaust curriculum which was before the Ottawa Board of Education. Sandra Goldstein, director of B'nai Brith Canada, provided each of the presidents of the women's organizations with an information package both on the Board itself and on the issue before it. The resulting telephone calls and letters written by members of Women's Federation to trustees and principals at the Ottawa Board were key in showing our support of the curriculum and in creating an ever-growing and much needed profile for the community in this issue.

Similarly Barbara Farber, Chairman of Canada/Israel Community Relations, gave us both a background and an up-date on the Middle East situation, along with pertinent printed materials to be used as the tools to write letters both to the media and to our members of parliament, to let our views be known and heard.

On February 29 Women's Federation sponsored a panel discussion entitled "Perspectives of Pride and Prejudice" on the current Israeli situation. The guest panelists were Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Congregation Machzikei Hadas; Avi Gil, Press Attache, Embassy of Israel; Bob Willmot, National Executive Director, Canada Israel Committee. Barbara Farber was the moderator. The program was well attended and provided those present with a better understanding through the viewpoints of the panelists and showed how we as a community are viewed by our response to the media and as both Canadians and Jews.

As well, Women's Federation has continued to maintain and co-ordinate the Community Calendar. The calendar is mailed out quarterly to all community organizations for their perusal so as to avoid conflicting program dates.

The success of Women's Federation is due to the commitment of every organization and chapter president.

We take this opportunity to thank the members of our board and the professional and support staff for their invaluable help.

We offer our support to Susannah Dalfen, incoming chairman of Women's Federation and we wish her and Women's Federation every success.

Panel on Individual and Group Services

Dr. William James, Chairman

Sam Wex, Deputy Chairman



The Panel on Individual and Group Services is primarily responsible for the allocation of funds to most of the Jewish agencies which do not come under the heading of education. This includes: Hillel Lodge, Vaad Ha'Ir, Jewish Social Services Agency, Jewish Community Centre, Vaad Hakashrut, Tamir Foundation, Camp B'nai Brith, Camp Geshet, JSU-Hillel, Judaic Studies-Carleton and the Foundation for Academic Exchanges.

The Panel reviews the budgets of these agencies, their priorities for the year and recommends allocations to the Planning, Priorities and Budget Steering Committee. With the guidance of this Committee, the Panel also sets longer term directions to the various agencies. For example, this year, the Panel has asked the agencies to come forward with new proposals for the aged and teen groups. These two groups are to receive priority attention in terms of identifying gaps in service delivery and coming forward with new programs.

A special sub-committee, chaired by Hinda King, has been formed to study the aging population over the next 18 months. This review will look at a Day Care Program for the elderly, indigent care, transportation problems and a Seniors' Sunday program. The Jewish Community Centre and the Teen Council are studying the teen population in more detail and will be working with this panel in developing a plan of action for this age group.

Acknowledgement

The Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting wishes to express its appreciation to all of the individuals who prepared the reports contained in this Special Edition of the Bulletin.

All reports received up to the press time deadline have been included in this issue.



Jewish Community Campus

Lawrence Greenberg, Chairman

The Jewish Community Campus, home of Hillel Academy, Talmud Torah Afternoon School, Ottawa Modern Jewish School and the Jewish Community Centre (outreach and day camp programmes), completes the fifth year of operation this June.

The successful community fundraising campaign, initiated prior to the purchase of the Broadview Avenue facility, will permit the existing mortgage to be substantially reduced this summer. We appreciate the generosity of those whose dedication and commitment has made it possible to purchase and maintain this outstanding communal facility. The Board of Directors continues to collect outstanding pledges and encourages new users to make a financial contribution.

The Board of Directors and the Executive have met a number of times during the course of this year dealing with the on-going problems associated with the running by the campus. Agreement was reached with the Jewish Community Centre to manage the facilities of the Campus for an initial period from February 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989. The arrangement appears to be working out well. At the most recent meeting, the new 1988/89 budget was approved and happily will not require any increase for our tenants.

I wish to thank the Board of Directors, and in particular Arnie Vered, Vice President; Mrs. Geri Goldstein, Secretary; and Chuck Merovitz, Treasurer, for their help and support.



Ottawa Jewish Historical Society

Ben Karp, President

Ottawa is almost unique amongst the few Canadian Jewish communities which have an active archives program supported by their community. Our archivist, Shirley Berman, and a small volunteer staff give unstintingly of their time to conduct an active program of preserving Ottawa's Jewish history.

Last year a grant from the Ontario Archives Council of \$7,380 provided funding for the arrangement of part of the community's unorganized records. Through this project the preservation of Vaad Ha'Ir records from its inception in 1934 to the mid 1970s has been completed. Through funds generously provided by friends of Harry Goldstein, chairman of the Labour Zionist Council, the records of the Council, Histadrut League, Pioneer Women and Haborim-Dror are currently being arranged to enable them to be available to researchers. These funds have permitted a student to be hired and trained to organize and prepare an inventory of this important collection.

Significant additions have been made to our archives over the past year. Notable amongst the manuscripts are an unusual bill from the Ottawa Maternity Hospital of 1913, the 1930s diaries of Harold Shaffer, the prayer books of Mrs. Harris Mirsky printed in Warsaw in 1900, J.N.F. Jewish Soldiers' Land Reclamation Certificates dated 1934 in honour of Max Bookman, a certificate of the Grand Master of Masons for A.J. Freiman dated 1904, several boxes of ORT records transferred by Lily Penso, copies of the circumcision books of

Rev. N. Borenstein, and a receipt for the down payment in the 1948 purchase of the Histadrut Centre at 292 Laurier from the Shinder family.

Our collections of photographs were increased by gifts of old photos relating to the Mirsky, Pearlman, Dover, Epstein, Solomon Cohen, Marcovitch and Torontow families, as well as a Shomer Hatzair group from Boyslaw, Poland in 1920, and the graduating class of the Ottawa Talmud Torah of 1920. For these we are gratefully indebted to the donors. Photographs are exhibited in the foyer of the J.C.C.

This year the members of the Society decided to broaden its collections to include museum material which could provide the basis for a future Jewish museum in Ottawa. To initiate this the silk top hat of Bernard Smith, worn at his marriage to Rebecca Reinstein in 1894, was donated by his daughter, Fanny Betcherman. Trophies relating to the late Chaim Bookman, interesting cookware and domestic items, and sports trophies complete this effort to date. The community is invited to further the growth of this important work by donating items to the society for preservation. These projects are made possible through the generous support of our members and the efforts of our volunteers: Herbert Wortman, Sylvia Gellman, Peter Vogel and Bertha Leckie. To them the society extends its sincere thanks.

A newsletter describing the Society's activities is circulated quarterly. To obtain a copy and become a member please contact the Society at 232-7306.

Council on Teens

Morris Presser, Chairman



Less than one year ago, the President of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir, Stephen Victor raised the issue of Jewish Survival — "Teenagers", in his inaugural address. A new committee of the Vaad was subsequently formed with the following mandate:

1. to review, co-ordinate, revitalize and rejuvenate teen programming and the delivery of services to teens, in a Jewish atmosphere, through the Jewish Community Centre, the synagogues, B'nai Brith and other youth organizations;
2. to establish viable vehicles to teach religion and an awareness of Jewish identity to the young people of our community and to provide our youth the opportunity to develop and grow as Jews; and
3. to utilize and co-ordinate the resources in our community to re-enforce the teen's connectedness with the Jewish community, the Jewish people and with Jewish ideals and heritage.

A group of volunteers, representing Jewish institutions within the community, as well as members at large was put together and the committee began its work in earnest in October, 1987.

Parlour meetings were held with teen leaders and parents exchanging ideas. The Jewish community Centre staff helped solidify these plans by delegating and following-up assignments in preparation of events. The new and unique programming developed by the Teens and Community Centre was aimed at the affiliated/non-affiliated Teens in grades 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 to 13, based on interests and maturity levels. The teens themselves, designed ads for the J.C.C. bulletin, posters and personal invitations and as well, set up telephone committees as a follow-up to ensure success.

Turnouts to planning meetings were excellent as the teens seemed to have a great time working together and the

results of the efforts, the Programs, were successful with larger than expected crowds turning out. Some of the programs initiated were an evening with a hypnotist, a sleigh ride — beach party, a S.E.X. (spectacular, extravaganza, xtrordinaire) night, boat cruise, and all-nighters.

The Beth Shalom West Teen Lounge was opened amongst great fun and fanfare adding a new location in the West End where teens have been taking advantage of this fully-equipped room on Wednesday and Sunday nights 7:00-9:00 p.m. All teens are welcome and those who have participated have expressed delight in using the T.V., video, stereo, Nintendo games, ping-pong tables, etc.

A highlight of the year for the committee was "Fiddler on the Roof". Over 60 teens and 20 adults staged the local version of this popular Broadway musical and while the work at times seemed exhausting the results both on stage, and off were well worth the effort as our teens offered up entertaining evenings and developed friendships and experiences that could last a lifetime.

In conclusion, although the Council on Teens has accomplished much during the past year, there is lots more to be done to meet the mandate set out earlier. The recommendation of the committee is to ask for the support of the community by spreading the word that Teens are a priority and that there are exciting and unique programs planned. Moreover, please consider this report as a personal invitation to sign yourself up to help either as a parent or teenager and come forward with a name who you think might be interested in this worthwhile project "Jewish Survival — Teens".

Remember: "Together we can make it happen because — You are where it's at!"



Panel on Jewish Education

Jack Shinder, Chairman

The Panel on Jewish Education was established to analyze and review the proposed annual budget of all academic institutions which receive funding from the Jewish Community Council. These schools are: Akiva High School, Beth Israel Religious School, Hillel Academy, Ottawa Modern Jewish School, Star of David Hebrew School, Talmud Torah Afternoon School and Temple Israel Religious School.

Recommendations for budgetary allocations are presented to the Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee.

The Panel serves as a forum for discussion of various educational issues. The focus of the Panel for this year has been Joint Fundraising, Program Evaluation and Remedial Education. In addition, Richard Zuker, chairman of the Panel's Subcommittee on Budgets, which is composed of the treasurer of each school, has designed a new and equitable budgeting formula based on student hours.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the representatives of each school for their participation and input, and particularly the Vaad staff for their support.



Shalom Welcome Service

Ann Goldberg, Beryl Ben-Reuven, Co-Chairman



The Shalom Welcome Service was established in order to assist newcomers integrate into the Ottawa Jewish Community. It is run by volunteers, many of them relative newcomers themselves.

Newcomers to our community are put on the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review mailing list and are contacted by a volunteer who telephones them and extends greetings on behalf of the Ottawa Jewish Community. Newcomers are invited to a coffee and cake evening which not only gives them an opportunity to learn about the Ottawa Jewish Community, its institutions and organizations, but also gives them the opportunity to meet other newcomers to the community. This past year a coffee and cake party was held in November.

Our major event in 1987 was our annual wine and cheese party. All newcomers who arrived during the past year were invited. Shalom Welcome Service Volunteers, members of the Vaad and representatives of various service organizations were also invited.

Shalom Welcome Service extends an invitation to the community to inform us about newcomers to our community to be invited to one of our informational and social evenings.

We also welcome new volunteers to Shalom Welcome Service and representatives of Ottawa Jewish organizations, services, schools and synagogues who would like to provide brochures or representatives for our invitational evenings.

To provide names of newcomers, become a volunteer, or obtain further information, contact Lillian Laks at the Jewish Community Centre, 232-7306.



Israel Teen Summer Trip Subsidy Program

Rabbi Arnold Fine, Chairman

A committee was formed in 1987 to examine and recommend criteria and methodologies for subsidies for teenagers from the Ottawa Jewish community, planning to participate on a recognized summer trip to Israel.

The Israel Teen Summer Trip Subsidy Program was established, under the auspices of the Vaad.

The program is available to students finishing Grades 10-13. Since the purpose of the subsidy is to help develop ties with the Jewish community, all applicants will participate in community volunteer work both before and after their summer experience.

Last year a total of 13 young people applied and were given stipends of \$200. each. As well, each received a T-Shirt with an Ottawa logo, and a diary.

We have estimated that 25 teenagers will apply to this program for 1988.

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Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee

Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka, Dr. Walter Hendelman
Co-chairman

A number of exciting events took place this year which highlighted the activities, concerns, and priorities of the Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee.

In order to inspire greater interest within the community, the Committee sponsored a High Holiday Card competition, in which Jewish students were asked to draw an appropriate Rosh Hashanah card. The winner of the competition, Ariella Dalfen, had her entry become the official greeting card of the Ottawa Jewish community, and Ariella herself was presented with an award at the Simhat Torah rally.

The cards were printed and distributed over the High Holiday period to members of all the Ottawa synagogues. They were then sent out to refuseniks in Russia.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the year was the visit of Natan Sheharansky to Ottawa. A full house at the sanctuary of Congregation Beth Shalom greeted this Jewish hero on the afternoon of September 15, 1987. It was a memorable event, which reinforced and reinvigorated those who have worked so

diligently on behalf of the Jews of the Soviet Union.

Our Simhat Torah rally this year brought a record crowd, despite the inclement weather. Marty Penn, the outgoing Director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, was the inspiring guest speaker, and the Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee, in its wisdom and foresight, served hot chocolate and danish immediately after the Rally. Presently, we do not know whether the large crowd came for the Rally or for the chocolate and cake, but we hope to continue to have both.

On Human Rights Day, December 6, Congregation Machzikei Hadas, in conjunction with the Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee, once again hosted a communal breakfast. The guest speaker was the Editor of the Ottawa Citizen, Keith Spicer, who spoke movingly of his own childhood experiences, and how he had grown to appreciate the significance of human rights.

That self same day, December 6, was the day of the giant rally in Washington, D.C. on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Nearly one quarter of a million people gathered to send a clear message to President Reagan and the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, whose visit to Washington began the following day. From the Ottawa Jewish community, eleven persons went down for the rally.

On November 29, the Belenky family, Mark, Nina, and daughter Masha, former refuseniks, who had been adopted by Temple Israel in 1985, came to visit Ottawa. Those who had the opportunity to meet with them were deeply impressed by this family.

Soviet Jewry Shabbat, an annual feature in the Ottawa calendar of events, took place this year at Adath Shalom. The guest speaker was none other than Dorothy Reitman, President of Canadian Jewish Congress, who had herself recently been to the Soviet Union, and delivered an informative message to the congregants.

In May, unity month for Soviet Jewry, an exhibit called "Survival of the Spirit," a photographic display documenting Jewish lives in the Soviet Union, was on show at the Jewish Community Centre social hall.

The sponsors of the exhibit were the National Council of Jewish Women and Parliamentary Spouses Association, in conjunction with the Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee.

Over the course of the past number of years, the Soviet Jewry Committee has made definitive strides forward under the leadership of its co-Chairman, Dr. Walter Hendelman. We regret to report that Dr. Hendelman is resigning his position effective at the end of this year, and express our gratitude to him for the outstanding work that he has done for the Committee. People of his capacity, energy, and dedication are difficult to find, and he will be very hard to replace.

As always, the Soviet Jewry Committee is invigorated by the proverbial "straw that stirs the drink," Lillian Laks. She is cool under fire, insightful, and always available to steer matters on the right course.

We hope that the Committee will continue its efforts, and that it will have the continuing support and involvement of the Ottawa Jewish community.



Jewish Community Cemeteries

Israel Shinder, Chairman



The two Jewish Cemeteries are operating quite smoothly. In the main we have had relatively few problems. There is, of course, continuous maintenance of land and equipment, and a matter of dealing with Cemetery staff. This year we have had to remove quite a number of large trees in the old cemetery because of rot. They were becoming a menace to safety. It was costly too, to the tune of \$4,000.00. We shall have to replace them. Unfortunately, big trees cost a great deal of money and young trees take a long time to grow tall. A replacement program will start this year.

Every year we get some complaints about the lack of decent flower growth when people visit the graves on Mother's Day and Father's Day. Please bear in mind that it is unwise (because of frost damage) to set out flowers in this country before the 3rd week of May. It takes almost ten to fourteen days to put all of them in place. Even then growth doesn't occur much before mid-June to July. So please bear with us. We are doing the best we can.

I wish to thank our ever-willing committee: For Agudath Israel: Ben Karp (Chairman), Mel Goldberg; for Beth Shalom: Nap Kapinsky (Chairman), Hy Goud, Rubin Kalin, Leon Leckie; for Machzikei Hadas: Harry Hecht; for Young Israel: Dr. Norman Tenerbaum; for Temple Israel: Dr. Morton Bercovitch.

And a special thanks to Keith Jacole of the Jewish Community staff.

Project Renewal

A.J. Freiman, Chairman



The Jewish Community of Ottawa has been officially twinned with Neot Herzl an area of four neighbourhoods on the edge of Netanya along the coastal highway between Tel Aviv and Haifa. The residents, whose neighbourhood is amongst the most densely populated in all Israel wait with hope, to meet Ottawans involved in Project Renewal and to see the first signs of activity which will provide them with opportunities which have long been lacking.

Neot Herzl is a typical "shikun" of the fifties, when masses of olim flooded the young State of Israel. These neighbourhoods were built in a rush in order to give the new immigrants a better living place than the tent camps. There was no long-term planning, the materials used for building were cheap, and the temporary solution of those days became a severe problem for decades, until today.

Now, after the twinning, there are plans for the repaving of streets and for a new network of pipes and channels that will drain winter floods. The government is giving generous loans to every resident to encourage the remodeling of old apartments.

In fact, construction of homes and apartments has already begun in the area by local investors which is a positive and encouraging sign to those who will be granted interest free loans to remodel their present apartments. The planners, engineers, social workers, educators and citizen's committees have been hard at work during this past year to ensure that the long range plan for Neot Herzl includes all the vital ingredients to help ensure a successful conclusion five years down the road. That is usually the amount of time allocated for this process, although several communities have extended this to seven or eight years in order to complete all their plans.

Although there is constant communication from the Jerusalem Office to Ottawa we took advantage of the presence in Canada last November of our Project Renewal Consultant, Dr. Amnon Shinar and Michael Yorosky,

Director of UIA Canada in Jerusalem. They briefed members of our local committee as to the progress, which we in Canada find painfully slow. However, we are dealing with many levels of bureaucracy, in a country that has numerous other priorities, so we must be patient.

One of the arrangements made by us in Ottawa is a new and exciting twist to the usual Project Renewal process. That is the involvement of two professors from Carleton University, Dennis Forcese and Stephen Richer, who will conduct studies in Neot Herzl while on Sabbatical in Israel under the guidance of our consultant. Their findings, concerning school, community, law enforcement and social development, together with their North American expertise will provide an additional and invaluable dimension to the planning process.

Early in December we welcomed to Ottawa Yoel Elroy, Mayor of Netanya and his wife Peninah. They had several meetings with members of the Project Renewal Committee as well as some of the major donors.

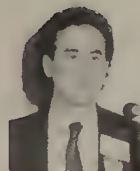
Since that time Gittel Tatz, who was in Israel in February as part of a UIA Staff Mission, spent several days meeting with the various people involved in Project Renewal both in Jerusalem and Netanya. At that time, she arranged meetings and appointments for my March visit with Lawrence Greenberg.

The purpose of our one week trip was to review and approve the plans to date and the accompanying budget. Although the overall plans met with our approval, there were a few areas that required some attention before we were prepared to release any major funds. Until those changes came through Lawrence and I approved only \$32,000, which will ensure that the Study Centre will continue to function.

It is my hope that when it comes time to write this annual report next year at this time we will be able to inform you that many of the other social and physical projects are well under way.

Young Leadership Development

Mark Berlin, Chairman



From its early inception in Ottawa, the Young Leadership Development Program has strived to familiarize young members of the community with various aspects of Jewish life in Ottawa and abroad. The Young Leadership Development Program aims to instill a sense of personal responsibility for the on-going work of the Jewish Community Council and to develop leadership skills.

I am pleased to report that the current Young Leadership Program has successfully completed its eighteen month mandate. The executive first met in May 1986 and the first regular meeting was convened in November 1986.

Throughout we attempted to develop programs that focussed on one of three themes: (1) local community issues; (2) Israel-Diaspora relations; (3) leadership skills. I believe that our programs did fulfill these goals.

I am proud to have been associated with this group. I had the full support of members of the executive planning group; each of whom had the opportunity of planning and chairing one session. I thank them all for their efforts. I have appreciated the helpful assistance of Marcie Rubenstein. At all stages of development and in all our activities Gittel Tatz and Stephen Victor (and his predecessor, Gerry Berger), have been generous in their valued support and constant encouragement.

An outreach of the Young Leadership Development Program is our planned participation in Yachdav — the international gathering of Young Leadership Development Program groups. This mission to Israel, from 26 countries, will be taking place this summer. For the first time ever, in our community, a delegation of ten Ottawa Young Leadership Development Program participants will be attending Yachdav. I gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Vaad in helping us realize this goal.

As well, our group has participated as observers on a number of Vaad boards and agencies. This learning experience has enabled us to become fully conversant with the full range of challenges facing our community. I fully expect that this aspect of our group's activities will assist us in our integration as full members of these organizations. I thank Ron Stein for heading up this program.

I am personally richer for the experience that the Young Leadership Development Program has provided. I believe that there is now an outstanding cadre of men and women in our community who are now ready and able to begin their challenge as leaders in the community.

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Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review

Dan Mazersky, Chairman
Cynthia Engel, Editor

The Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review publishes twice monthly September through November, January through May, and once each in December, June and July. Additionally, a special edition is produced annually in June containing reports of standing committees, agencies and institutions and affiliated organizations for review at the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community.

Funded by UJA, the Bulletin's circulation of 3,500 reaches almost every home in the Ottawa Jewish community via second class mail. The tabloid, by request, is sent to a good number of former Ottawans who have left the city, as well as students attending out-of-town universities. This at a cost of \$18.00 annually to cover mailing charges. As well, several of our "Snowbirds" who winter in Florida receive the paper during their sojourn for a cost of \$5.00 to cover mailing charges.

Averaging 28 pages per issue, the Bulletin attempts to provide news on the local, national and international level. In addition several regular columnists spice up its pages: Alyce Baker, "Always in Good Taste"; Sharon Drache's book reviews; Ben Dworkin, "Plus 60"; Herman Roodman, "Looking Back." The community's rabbis are regular contributors to the paper through a column entitled "View from the Pulpit."

Advertising rates were adjusted 10% upward in January, 1988 as the second in a two-stage increase begun on March 1, 1987.



Hillel Lodge Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged

Dennis Newton, President

Stephen Schneiderman, Executive Director

Over the past few years, I have seen a great many changes taking place at Hillel Lodge. The past year has been an important one for the Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged. There have been many significant advancements and accomplishments that have contributed to a highly successful program and improved service to residents.

Additional government funding has also brought with it increased accountability. No longer a corner store operation, Hillel Lodge must meet different levels of expectation as well as different levels of care. The many responsibilities of the Board of Directors are being carried forward by committees made up of both members of the Board as well as interested members of the Jewish community. The committee format provides ample opportunity for participation and involvement by a variety of groups including the Auxiliary, the residents, the Vaad, and volunteer experts who contribute both time and money to make Hillel a success.

The community itself deserves real praise for its many types of support including Operation Facelift, Membership, and its sponsorship of Auxiliary events. Through a real partnership we have been able to offer new programs and technology that really serve to improve the atmosphere at the Lodge, the residents' level of comfort, as well as, producing a real "haimeshe" feeling and sense of belonging by everyone coming through our doors.

Holiday programming and an outstanding Kiddush as well as Shabbat service in our Abraham and Dora Lithwick Chapel are the result of caring volunteers plus a dedicated staff. At Hillel we are mindful of carrying on our traditions while preparing to meet the needs of the future.

This year will see Hillel Lodge be accredited for the first time in its 23-year history. Also a Feasibility Study will soon be completed indicating how the role of Hillel Lodge can meet the needs both present and future of a growing Jewish community.

It has long been my philosophy to thank our supporters publicly and acknowledge different areas of help and support. Obviously there are key individuals who have played a major role in developing Hillel, maintaining it and upgrading and improving it. To those people I will take the time to say individually and privately, a sincere thank you.

I would like to close by saying that I can see Hillel turning a real corner and that the future for us is no longer a dream, it's now a vision that is clearly in sight.



Ottawa Modern Jewish School

Arnold S. Frodkin, President

Professor Gerald Commy, Principal



The Ottawa Modern Jewish School continues to be the largest afternoon Jewish School in Ottawa and is growing every year. We attribute this to the community's recognition of our school's excellence, not only in teaching, but also in fostering in our children a love and commitment to Judaism and Jewishness. Our teachers and principal are all very skilled and highly experienced professional educators who enjoy an excellent reputation in the community. We are also well known for the jovial camaraderie of our parents and volunteers.

Since we began in 1953, we have emphasized Judaism, Jewish tradition, customs, language, history, culture and current events. Religious observance is considered to be a personal matter for the individual family, and accordingly, our students come from all streams of Judaism, including Reform, Conservative and Orthodox, as well as from secular backgrounds. In this way our students' exposure to the spectrum of Jewish reality today is enriched, and their respect for the different streams of Judaism is encouraged.

In addition to placing a heavy emphasis on Hebrew beginning in Kindergarten, we also teach Yiddish starting at grade 13. Our music program, under the skilful direction of Shirley Steinberg includes songs, dance and plays and ensures that students, staff and parents have fun together on the Jewish festivals.

We are very much involved in Israeli and Jewish community activities. For example, our students prepared the art work which was used to decorate the Hillel Lodge for the Aged and the Jewish Community Centre for Purim. And on Tu B'Shevat, a special assembly was held during which our students were addressed by an official of the Israeli embassy.

In keeping with School tradition, we also maintained our large turnout during the annual U.J.A. Walkathon. One fact of which we are particularly proud is that a large number of our students choose to continue their Jewish education after graduation by attending the higher grades offered in Ottawa by Temple Israel and Akiva High School.

During the past school year, our students and parents enjoyed themselves during our School's Chanukah and Purim concerts and the model Seder. The children also received apples and honey on Rosh HaShanah, hamantaschen on Purim, and dreidles and latkes on Chanukah. They heard the Shofar blown on Rosh HaShanah, heard the reading of the Megillah on Purim and shook the lulav in the Sukka on Sukkot. Our students also planted trees on Tu B'Shevat and participated in Yam Ha'Atzmaut and in the annual community Holocaust Remembrance ceremonies. And in further keeping with school tradition, our grade 7 students went with our Principal on the annual graduation field trip to Montreal to visit Jewish places of interest.

As a result of the current distortions and unfair criticism of Israel in the media and elsewhere, we held a special seminar this year for our senior students on this matter. The purpose of this special event was to ensure that our students would be better equipped to handle and rebut such censure should they encounter it in their regular schools or on the street. It turned out to be extremely popular among the students and was very successful.

This year the Ottawa Modern Jewish School will be celebrating its thirty-fifth anniversary and a gala event is being planned for the Fall. Our guiding principle now, as it was at the beginning, is to stimulate our students and to preserve high standards of Jewish education.



Tamir Foundation

Noreen Bosloy, President



Tamir Foundation has been part of the Ottawa Jewish Community since 1980. Tamir offers residential service to Jewish adults who are mentally handicapped. The organization's first group home began operating in September 1985. Since that time, the residents of the home have made considerable progress in personal life skills, such as shopping, riding the bus, using the telephone, and personal hygiene.

Tamir also stresses the importance of allowing its residents to interact with other members of the community, including members of a nearby synagogue. Residents are encouraged to go on community outings, and are often in attendance at Jewish community festivals.

Tamir has been granted status as a beneficiary agency of the Vaad Ha'Ir, and has already begun to achieve a portion of its operating funds from the proceeds of the 1987 U.J.A. campaign. "We are delighted by this demonstration of community support for our goals," says President Noreen Bosloy.

Apart from funding from the Vaad and revenue from its residents, Tamir depends on funds raised through its donor card program and through annual membership dues. Membership in Tamir now numbers over 300.

As for future plans, Tamir has embarked upon an exciting project to seek funding from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services for the establishment of a second group home for Jewish mentally handicapped persons.

Jewish Community Centre

Stanley Levine, President

Ron Boro, Executive Director

The most exciting news from the Jewish Community Centre this year is that, after much study, the Jewish Community Council passed a resolution that new JCC facilities, "to be completed within 30 months", are needed. An Ad Hoc Committee is now exploring options to make this dream, finally, a reality for our community.

The JCC also received a grant this year from Wintario to make its facilities handicapped-accessible. These two new developments will greatly enhance the Jewish Community Centre's ability to fulfill its mandate of providing cultural, social and recreational activities for all community members.

The JCC, however, is not just a building; it is, above all, people and programs. This year the Centre initiated many new activities and expanded its services into exciting areas.

A brief list of new programs includes: Passover meals at the Centre; our own newspaper, *Centrefold*, to heighten community awareness of JCC programs; permanent, professional library staff; a Tay Sachs Testing/Blood Donor Clinic; the Jewish Women's Spirituality Conference; an Active Octave (a spring music fest to complement our fall cultural event, Arts Alive); new teen initiatives in co-operation with the Vaad sponsored Teen Council; an Israeli Film Festival (which we hope to make an annual feature); new programs at our Early Childhood Development Centre, such as Shabbatots and Parenting Courses; Connection 20/30, a successful new social group for young adults; outreach programs for juniors in the east

end in co-operation with Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, and in the west end at Beth Shalom West Synagogue, and community programs in Barrhaven. The list goes on.

The Physical Education Department focused many new programs on youth. Its philosophy is to involve youngsters in Junior "feeder" leagues in various sports — racquetball, mini-basketball, softball, track — with the belief that they will develop skills and later compete in the JCC's adult leagues. The philosophy seems to work. The JCC's Teen Basketball team won an Intra-city Tournament this year. This year also, 19 young Ottawans, recruited and coached by the JCC, will represent Canada at the International Youth Maccabiah. Last winter, the JCC involved 230 youth, from tots to teens, in its best ski program ever.

A programming priority this year was to involve as many people as possible in the celebration of Israel's 40th Anniversary. Our year-long 40th anniversary festivities — Film Festival, Music Fest, Israeli Sing-alongs (*Sheirey Moledet*), lectures, Israeli dancing — culminated in our community-wide Yom Ha'Atzmaut Gala, with 1400 participants and unprecedented volunteer support.

The JCC also offered the community a wide range of on-going and annual events this year.

The entire community came together to enjoy the festive spirit of our Purim Carnival and to celebrate Jewish books and arts at Arts Alive '87.

The JCC hopes to offer even more programs and services in its present — and future — facility.



Jewish Students Union-Hillel

Normo Hochberg,

President, JSU-Hillel at O.U.

The Jewish Students Union-Hillel can reflect on its accomplishments in 1987-88 with pride, thanks to the continuing support of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir and B'nai Brith. A broad spectrum of events were presented which reflected JSU-Hillel's goal of meeting the varied needs of Jewish students and providing a cultural and religious connection with the Jewish communities.

Under the presidencies and vice-presidencies of Geoffrey Fages and Eric Goldfield at Carleton University and Norma Hochberg and Lisa Bogdonov at the University of Ottawa, the year began with a "Thrill on the Hill" party on Parliament Hill that drew many new as well as returning members. Over the year, membership grew to approximately 200 students. Other events this year included brunch with a Soviet Jewish family who related their departure from the U.S.S.R., a road trip to Montreal and an informative question period with a PLO speaker at Carleton University. The Jewish High Holy Days were observed. There was also a Chanukah dance party and a Purim party which was well attended by costumed and non-costumed members alike. For those interested in expressing ideas in writing, the Jewish Star, JSU's newspaper provided an ideal outlet. Weekly information booths at both universities enabled students to touch base with their fellow members. The key word in JSU-Hillel this year was involvement.

Jewish Social Services Agency

Dr. Joel Konigsberg, Chairman

During the past year the Jewish Social Services Agency has continued the steady growth which began with the formation of the Agency. We have seen expansion in all programme areas, as well as in the number of staff. In the way of new programmes, six Job Finding Clubs have been held for immigrants and an Employment Group was begun for unemployed professionals. An increase in Purchase of Service funds has enabled an expansion of counselling services. We have obtained an additional Masters of Social Work position funded in part by the United Way. In order to enhance office efficiency, further computerization has taken place which will provide up-to-date financial data as well as allowing the maintenance of a data base on services provided by the Agency. As a way of ensuring the quality of the service delivered by the Agency, an application has been made for accreditation by the Ontario Association of Family Services Agencies. A site visit will take place in September. This lengthy process is being undertaken by a joint Board-Staff Committee.

This has been a very busy year for all those involved with the Agency. I would like to thank my fellow Board Members and the Agency staff for their time and effort on the Agency's behalf. My gratitude is also expressed to our volunteers without whom many of our programmes could not take place. Many thanks are due as well to our funding bodies within the Jewish Community as well as at the regional, provincial and federal levels. The co-operation the Agency has enjoyed within the community from its sister agencies and the Vaad have helped make the implementation of our mandate easier.



Ottawa Talmud Torah Board

Sol Shinder, Chairman

S.S. Katz, Director of Education

The Ottawa Talmud Torah Board (OTTB) directs the operation of four schools. The two-day schools are Hillel Academy, an elementary day school, and a high school operating out of Nepean High School. The two afternoon schools are Talmud Torah and Akiva High School.

It is easy to understand why there has been such a large increase in the enrollment at Hillel Academy to 450 students, Nursery to Grade 8. Hillel's unqualified commitment to excellence in every phase of its program guarantees each and every child the best possible education. This year, there are 34 graduating students at Hillel. Graduation Exercises will take place June 21.

The traditional Judaic program inculcates in each child a love for Torah and for Israel and instills pride in being a Jew. Special events and assemblies are co-ordinated by staff members for each Jewish Festival and holiday throughout the year. The secular program provides each child with the knowledge and capabilities to undertake the most demanding of courses at the high school level, be they in French Immersion or in General Studies.

Hillel is concerned with moulding a well-rounded individual. Therefore, the

child also participates in public speaking contests, in science fairs, in bible contests and in sporting events against other schools. Senior students were invited to participate in the area Math Olympics and the Mini-Enrichment Courses at the local universities.

With a highly experienced and capable administration, dedicated staff, small class sizes and ideal facilities at 881 Broadview, parents can feel secure entrusting the education of their children to Hillel Academy.

The OTTB's day high school program has had a very successful third year. The students who attend this program participate in the full Nepean High School program. In addition at Nepean High School they are also provided with approximately eight hours of weekly instruction in Judaica. Credit is given for the Hebrew Language courses in each grade. The additional four hours per week, which is an integral part of the course, is considered enrichment.

The afternoon schools provide each child with a sound foundation and understanding in areas such as Torah, Hebrew History and Hebrew Language. Guests are often brought in to speak to the children on special topics of interest.



Talmud Torah Afternoon School

Sandro Hirshhorn, Choirman

Doris Bronstein, Principal



The Talmud Torah Afternoon School had an enrollment of 120 students this year. Registration for 5749 commenced March 27th and will continue to the opening of school in September.

The highlights of our school program were, a Chanukah assembly in which grades JK to 4 performed for their parents. Following the winter break we held our Talmud Torah Shabbat when grades 2-7, post Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and Akiva students conducted the services at Agudath Israel. Grade 4 students conducted a "Tu B'Shvat Seder" for their parents and guests. The entire school celebrated "Pesach Mock Seders" in each of their classrooms. Grades 5, 6 & 7 held an Israeli song, story and dance assembly for the entire school in honour of Yom Atzmaut. In the spirit of co-operation, Ottawa Modern Jewish School and Talmud Torah joined together to commemorate the Holocaust on May 1. To culminate the year a Lag Ba'omer sports day and in-class Shavuot sessions were held.

Talmud Torah had a very successful year in teaching the basic subjects of Tif-ilah, Torah, Ivrit, History, Dinim and Israel. The staff had several professional development workshops through the school, ERC and Heritage Languages program. We anticipate 5749 will be equally satisfying for both students, staff and parents.

Akiva High School

Heather Cohen, Chairman

Doris Bronstein, Principal

Akiva High had an enrollment of 35 students this year. Open House on Wednesday, May 4 hosted 1988 prospective graduates from Hillel, Ottawa Modern Jewish School, Star of David and Talmud Torah Afternoon School. These students joined Akiva students and participated in the evening's courses.

The highlights of Akiva program were a Chanukah program with plays in Hebrew and Yiddish. Due to the "Arab-Israeli situation", an informative evening was arranged with a representative from the Israeli Embassy to talk about the media. Teachers took it upon themselves to give all the students an evening of facts, strategies and techniques in replying to questions in public school. This was very necessary and informative to all the students. Following this, four Israeli youth representatives met with Akiva students to discuss topics from "Joining the army to everyday life in Israel". Akiva High will end with an evening of song and dance.

Akiva students enjoyed many topics including history, current events, art, calligraphy, kosher cooking, Holocaust and languages. All Ivrit students will receive an Ivrit credit for their time and effort. September should see the addition of a Yiddish credit for the Yiddish class. The program next year will offer some changes while the basic Ivrit, Yiddish and Holocaust remain constant.

Hopefully, many graduates will choose Akiva for it is a great place to be!



Temple Israel Religious School

Anne Mozersky, Choirman

The Religious School Committee has participated in an interesting year of growth and development for the school. With the excellent and tireless direction of our Educator, Judy Hersh, the enthusiastic and knowledgeable guidance of Rabbi Tanenbaum and the fine teaching by our staff, the school has grown to 140 students.

The school committee has worked in a consultative capacity with Mrs. Hersh and the Rabbi in the areas of budget, staffing and salaries, parent and teacher manuals, school equipment, confirmation class, parent-teacher interviews and the programming of the school calendar and special events. Committee members have actively participated in contacting class parents, and offering assistance on the opening day of school, parent-teacher interview day, the Purim Carnival, and the model Seder.

The major focus of the committee this year has been in developing the school's and Temple's policies pertaining to B'nai Mitzvah.

Mrs. Hersh works closely with her staff and Rabbi Tanenbaum in developing the school curriculum and special programs to enrich the children's education. This year the students made posters for the Washington March for Soviet Jewry and individual Menorahs to celebrate Chanukah. They worked together to plan a wonderful carnival for Purim and the model Seder.

The Confirmation Class has donated their time in community service work as part of their confirmation program. They will also go on their eagerly anticipated trip to New York City to experience some of New York's Jewish life. We are once again very grateful to Debra and Gary Viner who have helped organize this trip and will accompany the students and Rabbi Tanenbaum at the end of April.

Students from last year's confirmation class participated in a post-Confirmation seminar on issues in medical ethics from the Jewish perspective.

We are fortunate to have Judy Hersh directing our school. Her special talents and abilities make her wonderful to work with and her accessibility is much appreciated by teachers, parents and students.

Thank you to all members of the school committee for their help and co-operation throughout this year. This year's members have been: Janet Austin, Marg Edelson, Rita Kolker, Andy Siggner, Shelley Shusterman, Aaron Spector, Debra Viner and Alex Wexler.

Thank you to the entire congregation for your support and encouragement. We all look forward to continued growth and success for the school in the coming year.

Star of David Hebrew School

Poul Bregmon, Chairman



The Star of David Hebrew School, now in its twelfth year, continued its growth and expanding curriculum in all areas of Jewish study.

The school continued its focus on traditional Jewish education including Hebrew reading and writing, holidays, customs, history, prayer and the State of Israel.

In November, 1987, over 70 parents and students turned out to our first Friday night Sabbath dinner at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue. In December, our students participated in a special Chanukah program at the school including a special visit to Hillel Lodge.

In March, a special Purim party was held for students combining lessons learned in class together with fun, games and activities. A few weeks later, all of the students participated in a model Seder to prepare them for the Passover holiday.

A very successful garage sale was held on May 1, preceded by our annual Shabbaton where all of the students participated in the services and Kiddush program. Bar-mitzvah lessons were taught under the guidance of Cantor Pinchas Levinson and the Bat-mitzvah lessons were taught under the supervision of Rabbi Reuven Bulka.

The Star of David continued to meet every Monday and Wednesday for Grades 1 to 6 and Mondays only for Kindergarten and Grade 7.

Under the guidance of our new principal, Dr. Hillel Taub, new programs and textbooks were introduced into each grade. As well, there were many programs where parents were involved in the learning process with their children.

The school continues to grow on the basis of dedicated staff, conscientious board members and enthusiastic students.



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The Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth is the sole community kashruth-granting agency in the city. As such, it supervises kosher food production and preparation in key institutions and establishments. It disseminates news on the observance of kashruth and the availability of kosher products and services. Active rabbinic and lay committees meet regularly.

During the year, the Vaad Hakashruth continued to provide kashruth supervision at United Kosher Meat and Deli and Pelican Fishery on Richmond Road. At Rideau Bakery, bread and bread products produced at its Bank Street plant were under the Vaad's supervision and were kosher and pareve. In addition, challah was taken nightly. Dairy products produced by Ault Dairies were granted certification for Passover use. Special hotel functions, such as Canada-Israel and B'nai Brith dinners were supervised as well.

The Vaad was also responsible for ensuring kashruth at the following synagogues: Beth Shalom, Agudath Israel, Young Israel, Beth Shalom West and Machzikei Ha-das; as well as Hillel Lodge, the Jewish Community Centre, B'nai Brith and Gan Israel summer camps, Jack Smith's Kosher Catering and Jack Edelson Catering.

The Vaad continued its publicity program of bringing a greater awareness of kashruth to the community through its regular Kosher Corner column in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review and through the Emdunah-Mizrachi calendar.

During the coming year, new requests for kashruth certification are anticipated from a number of establishments.

Camp B'nai Brith

Stephen Waxman, Chairman



Camp B'nai Brith, owned and operated by Ottawa Lodge #885 B'nai Brith, has provided exciting summers for girls and boys, ages 7 to 16, for over 40 years. Campers and staff have come from both Canada, the United States, the West Indies, South America and Israel to enjoy active programmes.

The children utilize our wide range of facilities that include an olympic-sized swimming pool, four lit tennis courts, an indoor gymnasium, an arts and crafts centre and many excellent playing fields.

The Ottawa River is the setting for the Camp's extensive waterfront programme. Qualified staff provide caring instruction so that children learn

how to waterski, windsurf, sail, canoe and kayak.

In the pool, Red Cross and Royal Life Saving Society programmes are taught by qualified swim instructors. Dining facilities in the Camp are strictly kosher and all meals are prepared under the supervision of an on-staff mashgiach.

Camp B'nai Brith is professionally staffed with a host of specialists for the swimming pool, waterfront, kitchen, cabins, grounds and infirmary.

As an Accredited Member of the Ontario Camping Association, Camp B'nai Brith meets high standards and provides a stimulating and safe environment to enhance every child's growth.

Canada Israel Cultural Foundation

Anita Wisner, President

Canada Israel Cultural Foundation-Ottawa Chapter marked another year of activities dedicated to its ideal: "of introducing to the world the culture of a small country struggling hard for its mere existence, yet endowed with massive spiritual strength from its earliest existence." Those words, spoken by Aura Herzog in 1948, are as true 40 years later.

Late in the fall we opened our year with a lecture given by the well known journalist Ilya Gerol. The title of his speech was "Israel: Culture and Politics," but as Mr. Gerol was just returned from a trip to the USSR, everybody was anxious to find out about Soviet Jewry, their struggle to maintain their identity and culture. It was a very animated evening which ended later than anticipated.

At Chanukah, we got together at the home of Evelyn and Irving Greenberg where we celebrated the Festival of Lights with music and singing. Judith Ginzburg, the Ottawa pianist, just returned from a two-year scholarship in England, joined forces with Evelyn Greenberg to present an evening of Schumann, Liszt, Bloch.

C.I.C.F. had obtained the exclusive rights to the acclaimed Israeli film "Late Summer Blues" and, in collaboration with the Jewish Community Centre, were able to present the movie at the opening of the Israeli Film Festival. The movie was very well received and I am glad to report that a commercial company in New York has bought rights to the film, which will be shown in movie theatres all across North America.

The Canada Israel Committee Parliamentary Dinner event this year had a cultural component. The young Israeli pianist Ilan Rachman, winner of international competitions, together with the renowned pianist Jean Paul Sevilla, played a duet following the dinner. Congratulations to Evelyn Greenberg, on her efforts for a job well done.

Pinchas Zuckerman came to the NAC for an unforgettable evening of music and C.I.C.F. bought a block of 50 tickets for its members.

We ended our year with what has become a tradition: an exhibition and sale of contemporary Israeli art. Atara Ben Tob, of the Atara Gallery in Montreal, helped us in organizing the exhibit. All profits will go exclusively to the C.I.C.F. benefits.

In June, Evelyn Greenberg will take members of the C.I.C.F. for a weekend to Toronto for a guided tour of the Treasures from the Holy Land at the ROM.

At the end of my three-year presidency I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our organization and especially our Committee: Edie Koranyi, Evelyn Greenberg, Myrna Barwin, Ruth Calof, Naomi Summers, Gerry Migikovsky, Shirley Streen, Rose Anne Hoffenberg and Barbara Cohen for their work and dedication in our task.



Jewish National Fund

Irving Rivers, Chairman

The Jewish National Fund has just completed an exceptional year in Ottawa in terms of funds raised and community participation. The year was highlighted by a record Negev Dinner campaign and a very successful Tu B'Shvat Telethon. The 1987 Negev Dinner honoured Gladys and John Greenberg for their exemplary devotion and commitment to both Israel and the Ottawa Jewish community. Over 500 people crowded the auditorium of the J.C.C. to pay tribute to this very devoted couple.

The 1988 Tu B'Shvat Telethon was an outstanding success under the able chairmanship of Roz Taller. She and her committee worked for several months planning the Telethon. As a result, sixty-five volunteers combined their efforts at the premises of Ideal Plumbing Supplies to realize the best year ever in the sale of trees for Tu B'Shvat.

The inscriptions program is ongoing. Leah Gencher, chairman, contacts the parents of upcoming B'nei Mitzvah to link their children with the State of Israel. Inscriptions in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Golden Book and gardens are registered permanently in Israel to commemorate this significant occasion. Certificates are then presented at the appropriate time in synagogue.

Lt. Col. Yaacov Perez, as emissary, represents the Jewish National Fund in Ottawa. He is always available to acquaint everyone with the many facets of JNF's work and to assist everyone with their personal foundation project.

One of the mandates of the Jewish National Fund is education about Israel. To this end, Amitai Sandbank has met several times with principals, teachers and children in the various Jewish schools.

On a daily basis, trees, chai certificates, dunams and gardens are purchased to acknowledge all occasions.

The Jewish National Fund is a vibrant and busy organization. Committees meet on a regular basis to implement fundraising activities. The monies raised in Ottawa help to make possible the vital work which JNF has undertaken in Israel. For further information, contact the JNF office at 230-9047.

Agudath Israel Congregation

Bernard Rosenblatt, President

The past year has been very busy and successful at Agudath Israel. Last October we dedicated our new daily Chapel. A beautiful and serviceable design has given the congregation a much needed facility, which is being used beyond our expectations. The Chapel can be divided into three separate areas for different functions as well as daily prayers. We have had family simchas, Shabbat dinners, small weddings and circumcisions taking place, as well as meetings. A very moving Dedication Ceremony was held on Sunday, October 11, 1988.

Our youth programs are geared from ages 8 to 17. This year our U.S.Y. program was very gratifying with our average attendance up greatly. The Junior Shabbat Congregation thrived this year under a new system where the parents led the services on a rotating basis.

The Men's Club ran the monthly Shabbat Services at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. A variety of programs were held as well as several Congregational Oneg Shabbat Dinners.

The Sisterhood runs the Nearly New Shop. As usual a wide variety of programs were offered with guest speakers and Hebrew Skills Class with the Cantor as the leader. All were well attended.

A television and a V.C.R. were added to the Malca Pass Library along with a selection of videos on Jewish subjects.

This coming year Agudath Israel will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. A Gala Celebration is being planned for October 12th. Included in this simcha we will also be honouring our Cantor, David Aptowitzer, for his 36th year with the congregation.

As the congregation grows we are looking into the purchase of a computer to help our office staff become even more efficient.



Emunah Mizrahi Women

Rivka Kraus, President

The Ottawa Women's Council of Emunah Mizrahi helps build and support Religious kindergartens, nurseries, academic and vocational high schools for girls in Israel, as part of a worldwide network of Emunah Institutions. As well, it has made an important contribution integrating into its system, and maintaining the support of Ethiopian youngsters upon arrival.

On an ongoing basis, this very worthwhile work keeps us ever busy, planning and devising the means, and raising funds towards these endeavours.

Each year, our Annual Mizrahi Calendar is mailed out in time for Rosh Hashanah, with up-to-date pertinent data and information, highlighting Shabbat and festival candle lighting times, and guidelines on upcoming social events celebrated by friends and families in the Ottawa Jewish community.

Also for Rosh Hashanah, our stalwart Rachel Kizell Chapter reaches out to the community through their yearly Honey-Project, the results of which have been immensely gratifying.

In September a very interesting Sale and Exhibit of Paintings by Israeli artist Yehuda Arye Silberstein, was hosted by Sol and Edna Goldfarb. Emunah-Mizrahi is most grateful to Sol and Edna for their gracious hospitality extended to us in this splendidly ideal setting.

Our link with head office in Montreal is ever open and alive. Thus we invited as our guest speaker for October, the multi-talented Rebbetzin Miriam Denberg to share with us of her know-how and expertise in communal service. In the warm and friendly atmosphere of the home of Marilyn Samuels, we drew much inspiration and camaraderie from this meeting.

In December, we celebrated Chanukah at a Melava Malka, hosted by Joel and Rachel Diena. Delectable gourmet food, prepared by our gracious hostess as well as our members, satisfied our taste buds, while the knowledge and wisdom of Rabbi Yehuda Spatz, our guest speaker, provided us with food for thought. Appropriately he "brought to light" the intriguing role of women in the Chanukah story. A thoroughly entertaining trio of Chanukah Spielers, starring Leonard Kernzer, Dr. Murray Kaiserman and Dr. Heshel Teitelbaum, treated us to a hilarious rendition of Jewish wisdom and humour. What a great way to end an enjoyable evening!

In March, the Rachel Kizell Chapter was again active in their Moaas Chittim mailing, and thanks the community profoundly for its generous support.

On Mother's Day, May 8th, at 6:30 in the Community Centre, Emunah held its Annual Mother In Israel Event. Husbands, families, members and friends were invited to hear our guest speaker Shifra Hoffman of New York address us on "The Current Situation in Israel". Acclaimed as a captivating orator, author and lecturer, as well as radio and TV personality in Israel and North America, Mrs. Hoffman is eminently qualified and gave us a thorough up-to-date on this most crucial focus of concern.

B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge No. 2159

Tam Gussman, President

Parliament Lodge can reflect with pride on 1987-1988 as a year filled with achievement. Hopefully, it is a precursor of even greater days ahead.

The year began June 1, 1987 with a 30th anniversary gala and installation, where the longstanding volunteer work of Dora and Marty Glatt was honoured with the announcement of a new trophy, to be presented annually to an individual with outstanding CVS achievements. At the B'nai B'rith Canada convention at the Concorde Hotel, Marty Glatt was again honoured — this time with the Colonel Eliot Niles award, given by B'nai B'rith International for outstanding individual volunteer work. The CVS program, headed by Marty, continues to thrive, bringing happiness to many senior citizens' homes, with bingos, prizes and musical interludes. The season highlight is a fabulous Christmas Day at St. Patrick's Home, with dinner and cheer served à la B'nai B'rith to shut-ins.

November saw our most successful Millionaires' Night ever. This, our major fund-raiser, was ably chaired by Morris Presser. The Committee's dedication resulted in an unprecedented success, enabling Parliament Lodge to provide Jewish Students Union, B'nai B'rith Youth, Jewish Social Services Agency, the League for Human Rights, Hillel Lodge, as well as many local Jewish and non-Jewish groups with financial help.

The year was filled with active executive meetings, where all lodge business was conducted. But it was not all business. Baseball trips, bowling, blood-donor clinics, cultural projects, and too many good meals were also a part of the activities.

This year also marked the creation of the National Capital Region Coordinating Committee, under the chairmanship of Moishe Smith, vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada. The Committee arranged for His Excellency Thomas Niles, U.S. Ambassador to Canada, to speak to the Jewish community on a variety of important issues.

Ottawa hosted the B'nai B'rith Media Human Rights Awards for the first time. This successful event was chaired by Dr. Eli Rabin and capably organized by Sandra Goldstein.

This summer, at our new members' BBQ we look forward to seeing new faces. One year ago, the Lodge proudly welcomed its first two female members — and we invite all Jewish adults to join and share the ideals of B'nai B'rith in any of the three local lodges. B'nai B'rith needs you to continue growing and to keep up its good work.

Parliament Lodge is vibrant and enthusiastic. It was my privilege to serve as president this year and I am certain that the new executive, with Sam Birnbaum at the helm, will continue to thrive and to be a strong force in the community.

Ottawa Women's ORT

Lily Pensa, Interim President

For the past 107 years, ORT has been providing training for the skills needed by Jewish students throughout the world. Through the combination of technology and Torah, students are provided with a well-rounded education, providing them the opportunity to gain employment, security and human dignity.

ORT has approximately 250 members in its four Ottawa chapters (Chavarot, Eretz, Eilat and Shalom). Regular meetings provide interesting speakers and programs. Our chapters have enjoyed a busy spring. Eilat has prepared a Phantom Tea and a Book Sale for May. Eretz chapter has had many interesting meetings, including one on the new Family Law Act, and another on Osteoporosis, as well as a Bingo night at Hillel Lodge which was much appreciated by all the residents. Shalom and Eilat chapters have returned from their winter sabbaticals, and are preparing a number of activities. Chavarot had a very successful Christmas Gift Wrapping fundraiser, and with the help of the other chapters, netted good results. This year, Chavarot undertook a new fundraiser, a Mother's Day Gift Ensemble.

Our closing meeting, slated for June 7, will be in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Israel, as well as the 40th anniversary of ORT in Canada and Ottawa. It will be highlighted by an awards ceremony and fashion show featuring chapter members. As well, we will be preparing for the Biennial World ORT Convention in Israel in November.

On behalf of our president, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the Regional Board and all the members, as well to the Ottawa Jewish Community, for their ongoing support.



Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science

John Greenberg, President, Ottawa Chapter

In June 1987 Drs. Agnes and Harry Klein hosted a reception for Weizmann supporters to meet Barry Freedman, the Ottawa student selected to attend the 19th International Summer Science Institute at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. Also present were Stephen Poplove and Debbi Burshtyn, two Ottawa students who had attended previous summer science programs at the Institute. They spoke of their experiences and adventures as participants in a program which provides some 75 outstanding science students from around the world the opportunity to work alongside top Weizmann Institute researchers and participate in tours and field trips which give the students first-hand understanding of the land and the people of Israel.

In June 1987 the Weisz-Adler Memorial Scholarship was awarded to one of the seven Canadian students selected to attend the International Summer Science Institute. This Scholarship was established by Mr. Samuel Weisz and the late Mrs. Weisz of Ottawa as a living memorial to their families who perished in the Holocaust.

In September 1987 a reception was held to introduce Hanan Bar-On, the new vice-president of the Weizmann Institute to the Ottawa Chapter Executive and Advisory Council.

The 1987 Weizmann Lecture was held in Ottawa on October 25. Dr. Fritz Bach, member of the International Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science and Director of the Immunological Research Centre at the University of Minnesota spoke on "Medical Science: Heading Toward the 1990's". A dinner for Dr. Bach was hosted by the Ottawa Chapter.

In 1987 Funds were raised to establish the Dr. Bert Migicovsky Scholarship at the Weizmann Institute of Science in memory of Bert Migicovsky, a leading biochemist for the federal government for 37 years, whose research established his reputation both nationally and internationally as a leading figure in world biochemistry. Bert served on the National Board of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science and was instrumental in establishing the local chapter.

For additional information on the activities of the Canadian Society, contact the Ottawa office of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science at 56 Sparks Street, Suite 706, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5A9, Tel: 236-3391.

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Carleton University's Jewish Studies Program

Prof. Eugene Rothman, Chairman

Carleton University's Jewish Studies program continued its growth during the 1987-88 academic year. More than 400 students enrolled in the various courses offered by the Department of Religion in the area of Jewish Studies.

Some of the courses offered were Introduction to the Literature of the Hebrew Bible, Ancient Near Eastern Religions, Introduction to Judaism and the Jewish People, Life Thought, and Wisdom in Ancient Israel, Judaism and the Jewish People: The Early Period, Judaism and the Jewish People: The Medieval Period, The Middle East: 1798 to the Present, The Hebrew Prophets, and, Seminar in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies.

Courses were offered at the undergraduate and the graduate level. Graduate theses in the area of Jewish Studies were started.

Research and innovative programmes were initiated by the three scholars involved in the Jewish Studies program. The faculty members are: Professor Robert Polzin, Biblical Studies, Professor Eugene Rothman, Modern Jewish History and Middle East History, and Professor S.G. Wilson, Second Temple Judaism. Seasonal lecturers also taught courses.

Professor Polzin has been most active in fostering activities in the area of biblical studies. In this connection, his series, The Crossroads Bible, has just published major works by Israeli scholars in the area of biblical studies.

Professor Rothman continued his work in the use of new media for teaching. The film series on the Middle East produced for class use as well as public broadcasting and new materials were produced. Materials are now being planned for courses on Spanish Jewry.

Professor Wilson continues to be active in the area of Jewish-Christian relations. His recent publications in this area have been critically acclaimed.

Ottawa Torah Institute

*Rabbi David Tropper,
Rabbi Yisroel Morgenstern
Deans*



The Ottawa Torah Institute High School, this city's only full-day Jewish high school for boys, is now entering its seventh year of operation.

The Yeshiva's goal continues to be the provision of a comprehensive post-elementary Jewish education for its students coupled with the secular high school courses accredited by the Ontario Ministry of Education, at the Grade 9 to 13 levels.

In the Jewish studies department, courses were offered in Talmud, Chumash, Prophets, Ethics, Law, Hebrew language and literature. The general studies program encompassed mathematics, physics, biology, French, English, computer science, geography and economics.

The teaching faculty is recognized for its superior qualifications. It consists of two rabbinic deans, Rabbi Yisroel Morgenstern and Rabbi David Tropper, plus eight accredited teachers, permitting individualized attention in small class-size settings. A physical education program is mandatory.

Important milestones were marked during the past year. A full-scale dormitory facility was fully occupied on Walkley Road; enrollment increased to 22 students, the third graduation ceremony for the Grade 13 class will be held; a first-rate basketball team competed in local events; extended use was made of the spacious classroom and gym facilities of the Jewish Community Centre, where the yeshiva is located and a post-graduate kollel for higher Torah studies was launched with a community-wide reception.

An extraordinary variety of extracurricular and community outreach programs was also undertaken. Students from the community-at-large participated in Sunday Mishna classes (Grades 5-6) and Chumash studies (Grades 1-3); Monday night classes for adults were popular with the study of Talmud Tractate Kiddushin; and evening classes for women, in Psalms, were provided.

In addition, community-oriented fund-raising projects proved popular. Particular mention is made of the highly-acclaimed Cantorial Concert sponsored by the school and the distribution of superior Hebrew-English Torah classics under the Art Scroll Passover Haggadah.

Increasing interest by parents in providing their teenage sons with a top-notch Jewish education without having to move from Ottawa, as evinced by the yeshiva's Open House for parents and favourable comments from community day school executives, is expected to lead to larger student enrollment in the coming year. Further growth is anticipated over the medium-term as Ottawa communal leaders and parents alike accept the ineluctable premise that a yeshiva high school education is as basic to Jewish pride and identity as a day school education.

This summer, the yeshiva is planning to operate a yeshiva camp for boys in grades 6-8.



State of Israel Bonds Women's Division

Zelaine Shinder, Chairman

The new Cabinet of Women's Division State of Israel Bonds for 1987-1989 is comprised as follows:

Simone Goldberg — Immediate Past-Chairman; Zelaine Shinder — Chairman; Ethel Taylor — First Vice-Chairman; Rose Taylor — Second Vice-Chairman; Sheila Hartman — Bond Sales; Myra Presser — Bond Sales; Dena Gosewich, Sandra Levinson, Linda Nadolny-Cogan, Sunny Tavel — Members at Large.

To these dedicated and very supportive women goes my heartfelt thanks for a very successful campaign in 1987, 1988.

The State of Israel Bond National Leadership Conference was held in Montreal from September 10 to 13, 1987. This conference which was very informative and exciting was attended by Zelaine Shinder, Simone Goldberg and Sandra Levinson. While at the conference, at a Women's Division Seminar, Simone Goldberg was one of five Canadian women honoured in recognition of her work on behalf of the State of Israel for Bonds.

Before the culmination of the Bond campaign on Yom Kippur of 1987, the Rabbis and the Shuls consented to have the women in the Shuls assist in the handing out of the tab cards. Many thanks to all the Sisterhoods for their assistance. We hope that this can be expanded for the coming year.

Golda Meir 90th Anniversary Dinners are being held across North America celebrating what would have been the 90th birthday of Mrs. Meir. In honour

of this occasion, a replica of a favourite pin worn by Mrs. Meir has been commissioned and a copy will be presented to each honouree. Ottawa was indeed fortunate to have a woman of the calibre of Sonia Kizell to be the Golda Meir honouree at the annual opening Gala, called the "Golda Meir Gala" on Wednesday, May 25, 1988 at the Agudath Israel Synagogue. Sonia is a dedicated member of Women's Division State of Israel Bonds and she was the unanimous choice of Women's Division and the State of Israel Bonds Organization. A very well-deserved honour, Sonia was presented her pin by Alice Pearce, widow of Jan Pearce, guest speaker for the evening. In Sonia's honour, the Golda Meir Club was established in Ottawa. This club is exclusive to women who purchase a minimum of \$5,000.00 in Israel Bonds or an IVRI Bond. Each woman in that category receives an IVRI pin in silver with a replica of Golda Meir in gold on a raised surface. On April 5, 1988 the Golda Meir Club was launched in Ottawa at the home of Rose Taylor with Golda's grandniece Alice Golembo as our guest speaker. To date the Golda Meir Club can boast a membership of twelve.

The revitalization of the Women's Division continues to flourish and the figures are rising each year. I look forward to another successful year in 88/89 and at this time I would like to take this opportunity to thank the State of Israel Bonds' Staff, Jim Hassan and Karen Kurzner for their constant efforts on behalf of the Ottawa Women's Division.

Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood

Sylvia Kershman, President

Sisterhood has had an innovative and fruitful year. We tried several new fundraising projects, involved new faces and energies in the process.

Our Strawberry Tea convened by Libby Steinberg, was an unqualified success. The Gift Shop administered by Rose Taylor, and ably assisted by staff members Blanche Osterer and Jean Naemark is a continuing service most appreciated by members and friends of the congregation. New fundraising activities included a Bake Sale convened by Sylvia Kershman and Donna Strauss and a Gold Nugget Night convened by Laura Greenberg.

Ellen Fathi and Marion Silver provided the membership with stimulating, informative meetings throughout the year.

Other members who contributed to the success of our year included Mary Alice, Perla Abtan, Pat Binder, Sheila Gluck, Marjorie Goldmaker, Miriam Goldstein, Irene Harris, Sophie Koenig, Margo Levy, Rose Litwack, Sylvia Pleet, Gittel Sheffield, Adele Sidney, Stella Taller.

Sisterhood wishes to express its thanks to Naomi Bulka who was a source of constant support and counsel.

We look forward to 1988-89 with renewed vigour and energy.



Israel Program Centre

Yana and Shloma Prital, Shlichim

The Israel Program Centre is a joint project of the Jewish Community Centre and the Canadian Zionist Federation, and is a part of a wide network of similar centres in the main Jewish Communities all over Canada.

We are now finishing our fourth year of operation, and are therefore, able to evaluate our activities and achievements.

Our main goals are to promote Israel amongst youngsters and adults by providing different programs, lectures and information about different aspects of Israel.

a) Programs in Israel:

In the past two years, we have interviewed hundreds of youngsters who had become interested in going to Israel on either short-term or long-term programs. Many of them went to Israel to study in Universities and Ulpanim, to work on Kibbutzim and to tour the country. We receive many enthusiastic letters from them about their experiences in Israel.

This year we put a lot of energy into emphasizing that despite the images created by the media, Israel today is as safe as it ever was. Perhaps going to Israel now during the 40th Anniversary, participating in the celebrations and being able to recognize the achievements of the State will make the trip more fulfilling, educational and, of course, enjoyable.

We see these programs as an important stage in their Jewish education, and hope that every youngster in the community will be able to participate in these programs.

Lectures and Discussions about Israel:

We have met with both small and large groups of youngsters and adults, from elementary school to the Golden Age Club. We have given lectures and led discussions on various topics, such as: Zionism, Kibbutz, the political situation of Israel, etc.

One of our very successful programs is the Rosh Chodesh program, where we have brought many interesting Israeli professors to speak about many different topics and issues. A new program "Shirey Moleket" involving Israeli folk singing and culture was started this winter in honour of the 40th Anniversary of Israel.

c) Israel Days:

Together with the J.S.U. — Hillel, we organized two Israel-days in the Universities, that led many students to become involved and heighten their interest in Israel.

d) "Aliyah Booklet" — a special educational project for the 40th Anniversary honouring Ottawans who have made Aliya.

e) Outreach Programs:

We organized different programs in non-Jewish schools (elementary and high schools) about Israel, which gave the non-Jewish community a good opportunity to study Israel and increase their knowledge and sympathy towards Israel.

Last, but not least, we have Chugel Ivrit (Hebrew classes), for people who are interested in studying Hebrew and especially for those people intending to make Aliyah.



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Ottawa-Amal Histadrut Campaign



Manny Agulnik, Chairman

This year the Amal Network of trade and vocational schools celebrated its 60th year of training youth in Israel.

The Amal-Histadrut Campaign was conducted during the months of March and April. We, in Ottawa, take pride in helping maintain these schools. The monies raised from the 1988 Campaign will purchase much-needed computerized mechanical equipment for the Lady Davis Amal Vocational High School, Kiryat Yovel, Jerusalem. This school has students from deprived immigrant backgrounds studying skills in secretarial work and computers which gives these students the opportunity of entering the workforce properly equipped.

The Committee would like to extend our appreciation for the wonderful response that came from the insert in the March Bulletin and from our canvassers, who called upon you, the community. Also, a heartfelt thanks to our canvassers and to Miriam Paghis, President of Na'Amat Pioneer Women, for the articles about Amal that were featured in the Bulletin.

Once again we would like to thank you, our contributors, for helping make 1988's Campaign such a great success.

Temple Israel

Eli Edelson, President

Temple Israel, Ottawa's only Reform congregation, was founded in 1966 and has grown to a membership of just under 300 families. Temple is a member of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum is the congregation's spiritual leader.

Temple Israel offers services every Shabbat: Friday evening and Saturday morning. For those who wish to participate, an hour of study of *Pirke Avot* is held following *kiddush* on Saturday. Friday evening services are often followed by special programs such as a talk given by Loretta Tanenbaum on Ethiopian Jewry, part of a larger program on Ethiopian Jewry organized by Temple Israel in co-operation with the Jewish Community Centre, Agudath Israel, and Machzikei Hadas. Other Friday evening speakers included David Matas, Senior Counsel to the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada who spoke about the pursuit of Nazi war criminals in Canada. The annual lecture series sponsored in memory of Dr. Imre Rosenberg by Temple Israel and the Jewish Community Centre hosted Professor Ellis Rivkin for two lectures in June 1987. Dr. Rivkin's lectures dealt with the topic "Contemporary Jewish Identity: a Reform Perspective." In co-operation with the Ottawa Academy for Liberal Judaism, Temple Israel hosted the annual community *sefer* on the second night of *Pesach*.

Temple Israel Religious School meets twice weekly with approximately 130 students in attendance. Classes range from pre-kindergarten through Grade 10. The school program is integrated with Temple activities thereby ensuring that the children are aware of both their heritage and the practices of Reform Judaism.

The Senior Youth Group of Temple Israel, FROSTY, has an enthusiastic membership and is one of the largest youth groups both in Ottawa and the Northeast Region. FROSTY participates in the activities of the Northeast Lakes Federation of Temple Youth (NELFTY) which is a region of the National Federation of Temple Youth, the Reform youth movement. FROSTY is an active participant in the National Capital Council of Jewish Youth, at the local level. This past year FROSTY sent delegates to the Biennial Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held in Chicago, attended NELFTY Spring *Kallah* in Rochester, as well as other NELFTY events. This year the Junior Youth Group (grades seven and eight) was reactivated.

Adult education takes various forms at Temple Israel. Introductory and intermediate Hebrew are offered. The Sunday Morning Breakfast Club programs have had various speakers and events of an educational nature.

Sisterhood and Brotherhood continued their traditional support of Temple activities. Sisterhood organized a gala Purim dinner-dance and the annual Nearly New Sale. Brotherhood's Celebrity Auction was an outstanding success with proceeds going to *Mitshpocha* Ottawa. Brotherhood and Sisterhood have provided support, including financial support, to various activities of the Temple Youth Groups.

The Social Action Committee has become so involved in various causes that it has established a number of sub-committees including: Community Relations, International Development, Ethiopian Jewry, and Russian Jewry. After the successful exit from the USSR of Temple's adopted *refusenik* family, the Belenky's, another family, the Ziemans have been adopted. The Belenky's, who are now living in the United States came to visit Temple Israel in November.

Temple Israel is a congregation that is dedicated to Jewish values, active in the community, and concerned with national and international issues.



Maimonides

George Adler, Chairman

Rabbi Mardecai Berger, Educational Director

Yalaine Munter, Vice-Principal

From a humble beginning of four students and a handful of volunteers, Maimonides has blossomed into one of the finest private schools in all of Canada. May 5/88, the Jewish celebration of Lag B'Omer, marked the fulfillment of a dream — the purchase of Graham Park Public School by Maimonides. Nestled on seven acres of land in the Qualicum section of Nepean, this beautiful building has 30,000 square feet of classrooms, gymnasium, dining rooms, offices, library and music room. Our students participate in a Jewish French Immersion program, the only one of its kind outside Quebec. The key focus of the school is the total development of the child. Academics, heritage and character development are melded into a program that aspires to produce ethical, knowledgeable students.

With an enrollment of over 140 students, Maimonides serves as Ottawa's trilingual Jewish Day School. Children achieve a fluency in French and English together with a working use of the Hebrew language.

Maimonides has pioneered many services for the Jewish day school student. Door-to-door transportation to most parts of greater Ottawa and hot kosher lunches are only two of the many services benefitting our students. Our Hebrew program combines the study of the classical Jewish works and an enriched Hebrew language program that follows the *Tal Sela* guide. Academically, the French Immersion program has achieved landmark results. Social studies, science, math, physical education, computer science and enriched math are all part of the French program. Our successful English program, beginning in grade four, develops the English language skills of reading, writing, spelling and grammar. As pupils advance, subjects such as science and mathematics are integrated into the English curriculum. Music, art, educational field trips, plays, Read-a-Thon, Science Fair, Speech Contest and extra-curricular basketball team, ballet and chess further enhance the development of our students. Maimonides is proud of its professional staff whose dedication has been the cornerstone in its development. This development has been both rewarding and inspirational. We will strive to continue this progress.



Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge

Dora Litwack, President

Women's Auxiliary is a vital cog in the wheel that provides enjoyable and happy surroundings for our residents. The main purpose of the Auxiliary is to enhance life and provide additional comfort for those living at the Lodge.

Auxiliary consists of dedicated women who are all volunteers. Many come weekly to sew items to be sold at our Craft Shop, mend clothing for the residents, or to serve tea and socialize with the residents.

We are an autonomous body but we report and co-operate with the board, the director and the staff.

The Auxiliary adds a special touch to all Jewish holidays.

- Shabbat & Yomtovim — We provide wine
- Rosh Hashonah & Pesach — We send flowers
- Succot — We decorate the succah and provide fruit
- Purim — We make up Shalchmonos plates of candy, fruit and Homentashen for each resident.
- Chanukah — We have a party with music and dancing and each resident receives a personal Chanukah gift.
- Birthday Party — each month we sponsor a party for the residents celebrating their birthday that month. Each receives a personal gift from us. A cake is ordered and enjoyed by all. We have instituted a new program this year with the co-operation of the sisterhoods of all the synagogues in which each sisterhood has agreed to send representatives to two birthday parties during the year to share the festivities with our residents.

• Activities — The most enjoyed by the residents are the outings to concerts, trips to Winterlude, the Tulip Festival and especially visits to the Rideauview Golf Club and to members' homes.... We would be most appreciative if more members of the community would open their homes to our residents for afternoon tea during the summer months. A Special Bus transportation is provided by the Auxiliary with funds raised at last year's Spring Tea... Weekly afternoon Bingo — the money prizes donated by the Auxiliary... Library Service every Thursday. We supply large print books. There are 14 residents who participate in this library service.

• Some items purchased for the residents by our Auxiliary are a mobile Sitz Bath... a Minolta Video Camera... electronic digital thermometers.

• Fundraising — We take part in Arts Alive with a booth stocked with crafts, greeting cards, life memberships and personal donations are a constant source of income. Our annual Spring and Fall Teas are always very well attended. The Auxiliary is most grateful to the men and women in our community who are generous sponsors. We thank them for their continued support.

When you become a member of Hillel Lodge, you are automatically a member of our Auxiliary. We can use more volunteers, men and women.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their co-operation during my term as president. It has been a pleasure working with such compassionate and caring women. May we all be well and continue to bring happiness and comfort to our residents.



Beth Shalom West Sisterhood

Myra Presser, President

Our third year is rapidly coming to an end, and with it many programs, consisting of various topics of interest to all of us.

Our year began in September with a helping hand from Betty's Kitchen who gave us invaluable hints on use of the microwave and how to get in and out of the kitchen fast.

Once again our sisterhood participated in Arts Alive during Jewish Book Month in November. We sold many items for Chanukah and fun was had by all.

Our December meeting dealt with a most topical subject — Eating Disorders. Sheryl Luxemburg gave many valuable lessons on what to watch for.

February and the winter blues were swept away by Dena Gosewich and her daughter Mandy who came down to our meeting with beautiful lingerie, cruise wear and bathing suits, a sampling of what she carries at Next to Nothing. Sisterhood members became instant models and forgot about the blustery night outside.

With Purim once again Sisterhood was busy making hot dogs for the over two hundred kids that came to the reading of the Megillah and the Purim Carnival run by the National Capital Council of Synagogue Youth (NCCJY) from the shul. Pandamonium reigned and everyone enjoyed the games and all the goodies.

Our April meeting dealt with a topic of utmost importance. Dr. Stephen Silver, one of our own members, spoke on the "Facts & Myths of AIDS". A slide presentation and question and answer session followed.

Our synagogue was the location of two very successful Shabbatons this past year. One held in November for teens and one held in late February for the younger children. Sisterhood was instrumental in all aspects of both shabbatons so that no details were left out and all went very smoothly.

Our major fundraiser, held on May 1, was a gala Art Auction which brought out many members and friends. Beautiful art work was displayed, enjoyed and auctioned off. Art Ampersand from Toronto was the auctioneer.

The production of Oliver by Orpheus was our next fundraiser. Members and friends enjoyed the production and we were able to raise much funds for our synagogue.

Our closing Sisterhood meeting is once again a dinner to be held at the Melting Pot Restaurant on Monday, June 13. Members will enjoy a wonderful evening with entertainment by a very talented singer Barbara Solomon Brown who will regale us with songs in Hebrew and Yiddish.

A sisterhood is not only made up of the executive, but each and every member who comes out to meetings, fundraisers and gives of themselves for a successful sisterhood and synagogue.

Peace Now (Shalom Achshav)

**Simon Rosenblum,
Gabriella Goliger, Co-chairman**



Responding to the continuing stalemate in the Arab-Israeli conflict, particularly to the West Bank uprising, Ottawa Friends of Peace Now had an active year of discussions, speakers and events.

Our first major activity was participation in an international petition campaign, initiated in Israel, calling for peace based on territorial compromise and mutual recognition of Israeli and Palestinian rights to self-determination. Prominent Canadian Jews who supported the petition included two former presidents of the Canadian Jewish Congress (Milton Harris and Rabbi Gunther Plaut) and a number of rabbis, academics and professionals.

In November 1987, shortly before the uprising began, Ottawa Friends hosted Hanna Siniora, the prominent West Bank publisher. Siniora, highly-respected in both Jewish and Arab circles as a voice for moderation, called for an international peace conference as a means of bringing Israelis and Palestinians together to the negotiating table.

In January, our speaker was Benyamin Yanoov, an Israeli sociologist active in an organization called "Partnership" which seeks to create understanding and cooperation between Israeli Jews and Arabs.

Through a well-attended panel debate with Rabbi Reuven Bulka, political science professor Yosef Lapid, Citizen columnist Ilya Gerol and Peace Now co-chair Simon Rosenblum, we sponsored a frank discussion within the Jewish community about the implications of the Palestinian uprising.

A March event featured Brigadier-General Giora Furman, retired deputy director of the Israeli Airforce. Speaking as a military man, Furman stressed that the Occupied Territories are not essential to Israel strategically and that security would be far better served if the land were exchanged for peace.

Member of Knesset Shulamit Aloni was our distinguished guest on May 5. As a civil rights lawyer and head of the Citizens' Rights Party (Ratz), Aloni is an ardent advocate of religious, racial, sexual and ethnic equality. Her talk focused on the impact on Israeli democracy of the Jewish state's rule over 1.5 million Palestinians.

Ottawa Friends of Peace Now is part of a North American support network for the Peace Now in Israel, a grassroots movement formed, in 1978, by Israeli reserve officers.





Beth Shalom West

Dr. Jonathon Isserlin, Choirman

Under the continued spiritual leadership of Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein, Beth Shalom West has had a year of productivity and consolidation as the only orthodox synagogue in Nepean. With the predominantly young community the emphasis has once again been placed on the large number of young people and children in the community.

A fully equipped youth lounge was formally opened last fall for the use of the youth of the entire region. It is open on a drop-in basis on Wednesdays and Sunday evenings from 7-9 p.m. Weekly Torah shiurim were held for teens by Tony Brown on Friday evenings in the winter and Shabbat afternoons in the summer. A new youth programme is due to start in May also organized by Mr. Brown. This will be in two parts, Shabbat afternoons for a variety of ages from 4-5:30 p.m. and emphasizing learning through fun and games. A Sunday evening teen programme will emphasize leadership and public service along the lines of the 'Duke of Edinburgh Award' and geared towards the achievement of the awards.

The Sisterhood of Beth Shalom West has had a productive and active year. Under the leadership of Myra Presser monthly meetings have been held on varied topics of general interest. The highlight of the year was the Art Auction held in the spring on an annual basis and raising funds for the synagogue.

Services are held in the synagogue on a daily basis every morning. Full services are held every Shabbat and at festivals. The Rabbi conducts a class every Shabbat afternoon and Wednesday evening. Special evening services can be arranged by contacting the Gabbay, Hymie Schildkraut. Kiddushim are held after services every Shabbat. New members are welcome and should contact Vicki Fish at 828-7941.



Na'amat - Pioneer Women

Miriam Paghis, Council President

Ottawa Na'amat continues to support our 750,000 members in Israel in their projects to help the Israeli family. Among these projects are: children's day and night centres, vocational schools for girls, family centres, free legal advice and work to attain legislation for more equitable rights for women. In addition, we have fulfilled the first third of our three year commitment for the second-storey of our children's home in Givatayim.

Our most important fund-raising venture is the Ottawa Jewish Telephone Directory and Reference Book. The capable direction and unflagging zeal of Roz Taller and Debbi Krebs is bringing the community the 38th issue of this exceedingly useful book.

Our annual Spiritual Adoption Campaign is being run by our Nitsa Chapter. This campaign is now underway and monies contributed are for the children's day-care and day-and-night centres. An added bonus to contributors, is the privilege of attendance in mid-June at the showing of an N.F.B. film entitled "The deadly game of nations".

Ottawa Na'amat regularly participates in the annual Amal Histadrut Campaign. Monies raised are used for the Amal technical school of Kiryat Yuval in Jerusalem with which Ottawa is twinned.

Our Aviva Chapter held a very successful wine-tasting evening. In addition, they benefitted the local Jewish community by taking orders for Israeli wine for Passover.

Donation cards of varying denominations are sold as a steady all-chapter project. They may be obtained from the individual chapters or by contacting Cynthia Cowan, the Council Convenor.

Hand-in-hand with our fund-raising ventures have been informative and stimulating programs. These have covered a wide range of topics and have been chosen and planned by each chapter according to individual preferences.

Our 1987-88 season concludes with a dinner in June, featuring the Israella Singers in "Highlights".

For more information about Ottawa Na'amat, contact the secretary, Roz Taller, at the joint Na'amat/Labor Zionist Council Office at the J.C.C., mornings.

Young Israel of Ottawa

Gerry Snyder, President

Rabbi Mordecai Berger, Spiritual Leader

The past year has been one of the busiest and most successful in the history of the shul. The shul has continued to take the lead in Torah-based programming and to attract increasing numbers of members and non-members to its different activities.

The highlight of the year has been a series of six Melave Malkas, hosted by different members, at which Rabbi Berger has spoken on the following philosophical topics: "Bashert or Freedom of Choice: How much of our Destiny do we control?", "The Jew and the Gentile: Cosmology of Purpose", "Fanaticism vs. Judaism", "Reincarnation", "Souls, Angels and the Afterlife", and "Prayer, Meditation and Transmigration of the Soul". All of these topics have been examined from a Torah perspective, with Rabbi Berger drawing on a variety of talmudic, hassidic and halakhic sources. It has been gratifying and instructive to discover how many people from differing backgrounds have been attracted to these talks.

Another major event for the shul was the Shabbaton on the subject of medicine and the Talmud, co-hosted with the Jewish Youth Library of Ottawa, at which the guest speaker was Dr. Fred Rosner, a scholar with an international reputation in the field. Also co-hosted with the Jewish Youth Library was an "Evening of Jewish History", at which the guest speaker was Rabbi Berel Wein, a noted Jewish historian.

In addition to the regular Torah

classes at the shul, two sessions of an Adult Yeshiva have been held this past year, led by Rabbis Berger and Sperlin, which have given an opportunity to a broad public to spend a few hours in concentrated Torah study. Two major Siyums have also been held at the shul in the course of the year (in addition to the regular Erev Pesach Siyum) to mark the completion by different members of their study of a Tractate from the Talmud. At one of these Siyums, Rabbi Chonon Wenger of the Yeshiva Gedolah in Montreal was the guest speaker on the subject of Jewish Business Ethics.

Two special events took place early in May. One featured the noted children's story-teller Rabbi Meir Uri Gottesman from Toronto, and the other a Sephardic Shabbaton, at which special participants were Rabbi Salomon Assayag and Chazan Maurice Ohayon from Toronto, as well as Michel Abehsera, a well-known author and personality from New York.

In addition to these special events, several regular programs have continued this past year. A Junior Congregation, led by Rabbi Eliezer Wenger, is held every Shabbos morning. Kosher Delight, Ottawa's only kosher restaurant, is open every Sunday evening. "Seudahs" for Simchas Torah and Purim have been held, as well as Kiddushim on almost every Shabbos Mevorchim and on various other Shabbosim throughout the year.

Young Israel Sisterhood

Deborah Friedmon, President

The Sisterhood of the Young Israel of Ottawa has had very able leadership this year. Neshi Rodin is president and Brenda Caplan is the vice president. Molly Adler has been doing a great job as treasurer.

In spite of a small membership the Sisterhood has assumed responsibility for providing monthly shabbos kiddushes. The role of coordinator is rotated. Of course the excellent results that have been achieved are due in large part to the untiring devotion of all the ladies who have so willingly put in so much hard work in the kitchen. The entire congregation has savoured the delicious outcome.

The junior members of the sisterhood, coordinated by Myra Levinson, organized a Mesibos Shabbos programme for the children. These girls also organized a delightful Purim carnival for the younger children. It was a great success and everyone had lots of fun.

The Sisterhood had some very interesting guest speakers at its meetings this year. Among them were Hanna Waas, a midwife with vast experience, who had much of interest to share with the ladies. Anne Shinder, coordinator of volunteers at Hillel Lodge, was also welcomed as a guest speaker.

Deborah Friedman coordinated a bazaar just before Purim. The theme was "All About Kids" and featured a wide variety of games, toys and books for kids. Thanks to the many willing volunteers who gave so much time and energy. The bazaar was a fine success. Plans are in the works for next year!

Miriam Bendel will be hosting the Sisterhood's closing lunch at her home in June. A group of singers, Ohr Hadash, will be coming from Montreal to entertain the ladies.

The sisterhood has had a busy and exciting season. Next year will be even better.

Congregation

Beth Shalom

Irving Rivers, President



The Beth Shalom-Beth Shalom West complex of synagogues marks the 96th year of continuous religious service to the Ottawa Jewish community which began with the establishment of Adath Jeshurun in 1892 and its subsequent amalgamations with Agudas Achim in 1956 and B'nai Jacob in 1971. Among the noteworthy events of this past year was the appointment of Rabbi Saul I. Aranov as Senior Spiritual leader. Rabbi Aranov sees an appreciation of the pioneering efforts of the synagogue as well as its revitalization as paramount in Beth Shalom's future development.

The deepening of our religious commitment is in large measure dependent upon the time that we devote to Torah studies. Daily classes are offered in the study of the Rambam's Mishneh Torah augmented by a Sabbath Talmud Class and weekly morning classes for men and women. Pastoral visitation at hospitals, congregants' homes and senior citizen establishments is an essential part of our services.

A revitalized sisterhood, formed in August, 1987, is led by Muriel Korngold Wexler and her capable officers Karen Slipacoff, Cynthia Blumenthal, Marilyn Kimmel and Roslyn Kimmel. They hosted a reception for Rabbi Aranov and his family in September, a well-attended membership tea in December and a bake-in and distribution of over 2,000 hamantaschen to Jewish people at hospitals, and nursing homes led by Rose Taylor and Thelma Steinman.

A successful joint Chanukah program was held by Beth Shalom and Beth Shalom West. Youth activities are available through the National Conference of Synagogue Youth which sponsors seminars locally and at regional and national levels.

The monthly Sunday brunches offer interesting programs under the able leadership of Mrs. Sol Gertsman and Mr. Izzy Greenberg. Mr. Herman Roodman's presentation on Jewish Ottawa's history was most instructive and entertaining and played to a full house.

Other major events included the Vaad Ha'Ir and Beth Shalom's co-sponsorship of an unforgettable 95th birthday celebration for Mr. Thomas Sachs, in the form of a Kiddush-Luncheon. Special Sabbaths commemorated Ashkenazim and Sephardim who lost their lives en route to settlement in the Holy Land and Rabbi Aranov spoke at Beth Shalom West on the Sabbath honouring Raoul Wallenberg's rescue efforts of Hungarian Jewry during the Holocaust.

The first festive eve of Jewish Humour was successfully observed at a Friday Eve Service and Sabbath Meal on February 19, 1988. Rabbi Dr. Oscar Fasman was welcomed to the community on March 21. Rabbi Aranov conducted the first ever Passover Seder for Jewish residents at the Regional Centre in Smiths Falls on April 5. On May 15, the First Jerusalem Day Services on the occasion of the 21st Anniversary of the Unification of Jerusalem combined with a congregational Bat Torah Celebration was observed. The Israella Singers were featured in a Cantata on Jerusalem with the B'not Torah. A Kiddush was sponsored by the congregation.

The efforts of the religious staff consisting of Cantor Avraham Carmel, the Chazan Sheini Mr. Solly Huberman and the Parnassim Messrs. Joe Zelikovitz, and Mr. Benes Cantor, and Mr. Izzie Rose who supervises the preparation of our daily breakfasts and Kiddushim are indispensable to the operation of our congregation.

Israel Cancer Research Fund (Canada)

Martin Kaplan, President

*Dr. Mark Wainberg, Chairman,
Scientific Advisory Board (Canada)*

The Israel Cancer Research Fund, a coalition of physicians, scientists and lay leaders in the United States and Canada is dedicated to fulfilling a three-fold mission:

- To encourage innovative cancer research by Israel's most promising scientists;
- To develop Israel as a world center for cancer studies;
- To broaden research opportunities that will enable the country's most promising young scientists to continue their work in Israel.

In order to achieve these goals and to continue to be the largest private source of support for cancer research in Israel we raise funds through Memberships, Tribute Fund donations, Fellowships and Funds and fund-raising events.

We are proud to have over 1200 annual memberships (families) in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

All applications for research fundings are reviewed by a distinguished panel of American and Canadian scientists — members of the Israel Cancer Research Fund, Scientific Advisory Board.

This coming year ICRF (Canada) will support 24 Fellowships and/or Project Grants and two Career Development Awards — the largest number in our history, enabling us to help achieve the objective of harnessing Israel's best minds in the struggle against cancer.

State of Israel Bonds



Jacie Levinson, General Campaign Chairman

Due to the success of the Ben Gurion Centennial Ball, held on May 27, 1987, honouring William Grossman, the 1987 total Bond sales were \$1,120,250.00 plus a five year million dollar note purchased by Machzikei Hadas. These funds were directed to Israel's economic development. This total represents an increase in Ottawa sales of 209% for the fiscal year 1987.

The Women's Division with its tradition of holding a spring dinner to pay tribute to outstanding individuals, combined forces with the Men's Division to honour Sonia Kizell at a Gala held on May 25, 1988.

The Ottawa Synagogues, with their traditional Yom Kippur Campaign, will finalize the 1988 Campaign.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to thank and congratulate Sol Shinder, Immediate Past Chairman, for having done such an excellent job. I also wish to thank all those who showed their commitment to Israel through the purchase of Bonds.



National Council of Jewish Women

Ellen Fathi, President

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada is a voluntary organization which, in the spirit of Judaism, is dedicated to furthering human welfare in the Jewish and general communities locally, nationally and internationally. Through an integrated program of education, service and social action, we help to fulfill unmet needs and to serve the individual and the community.

I am pleased to report on the activities that have made this first term a very successful one.

On July 13, Council re-instated the Golden Age Picnic. Seniors from our local home for the aged and from the community enjoyed a delicious lunch and entertainment.

In August we held our annual Newcomer's Tea. Prospective members were introduced to the Board and Council, its structure and projects were explained.

Our traditional opening fashion show, held September 20, was a departure from tradition in several aspects. Usually free to paid-up members, this year the show was a fundraiser. As well, it was an inter-generational show, with clothes being modelled for all ages, sexes and sizes by our members and their families.

October 20 was the date of our annual Israeli Brunch to benefit IFCA, and as always, it was a resounding success. We took this opportunity to inaugurate International Jewish Education Day, with our chairperson addressing us on the topic of Judaism in a multicultural society.

Our second Women and Economic Literacy conference was held — in conjunction with the JCC — on October 25-26. The chief guest speaker was Susan Weidman-Schneider, well-known author.

Our palliative care panel is preparing for an ongoing "Education Program". In November guest speaker Dr. Simcha Paull brought us a step closer to this important Council project by speaking to us on "The Jewish Way of Death and Dying." On April 27 a panel discussion on "What Do You Say to a Dying Person After You Say 'Hello'?", will help us to better understand.

Study Group returned this year to the endlessly interesting and varied topic of Women and Judaism. Our Gourmet Group continues to cook up a storm. We visited the Canada Council Art Bank. A meeting on the Free Trade Agreement with Michael Cassidy, MP, David Daubney, MP and the Honourable Herb Gray presenting their views was very well attended.

The Golden Age Club celebrated its 36th Birthday. Council in conjunction with the JCC, helped make it a wonderful affair.

Kosher Meals-on-Wheels is an ongoing project which Council proudly supports. A food drive from Ottawa's Jewish Community to the Ottawa Food Bank was — with the help of the JCC — co-ordinated by Council.

As well, Council presented the Amelia Loeb Scholarship to a student at Ottawa School of Art and a scholarship to a student at Carleton U.

On May 5 we held a preview showing of "The Wannsee Conference". Our closing function was held on May 24.

Agudath Israel Sisterhood

Flo Morgan, President

Agudath Israel Sisterhood has had a very busy and exciting year. Our opening Luncheon on September 16th featured Dr. Arthur Blank who spoke on "Food, Weight and You." Before the High Holidays, Agudath Israel Sisterhood welcomed our new shul members by delivering challah and wine to their homes. On Simchas Torah, treats were distributed to the children after services.

In November our Sisterhood hosted an open board meeting with the Montreal Sisterhoods of the Eastern Canadian Branch. Alti B. Rodal, our guest speaker spoke eloquently on her study submitted to Justice Deschenes on "Nazi War Criminals in Canada."

Two successful Chanukah parties took place in December — a fun-filled Family Chanukah party with a magician, balloons, hot dogs, latkes and a luncheon meeting featuring entertainer Michal Rubin of Montreal.

Our winter programs included a breakfast meeting at the home of Cally Kardash at which time Doris Bronstein spoke of her two-year posting in Paris, France with her husband and her involvement with "The Jewish Connection."

In February Jo Anne Roy of Pelican Fishery demonstrated "The Art of Preparing Fish," at a dessert luncheon.

In February we met with Cantor David Aptowitz on Monday mornings for a Hebrew Skills Class where we learned to Bench after meals, to usher in Shabbat with the Kiddush and to bid Shabbat farewell with the Havdalah.

Following the Megillah reading at Purim, treats in colourful bags were distributed to the children along with Hamantaschen and graggers.

In March our Sisterhood members participated in a very meaningful Shabbat morning at our Sisterhood Torah Fund Shabbat.

A number of our Sisterhood members attended "Spring Conference" in Montreal at the beginning of May. Our year concluded with an installation of our new officers and dinner on May 18th. Ilya Gerol spoke on "Jews and the Changing World of the 80s."

Our Sisterhood also helps with the funding of the Shul's Youth Programming which has been most successful this year. Our Nearly New Shop is doing very well. The Synagogue Gift Shop services our members and the community. The Malca Pass Library which is open on Thursdays and on Sunday morning is constantly being updated with new books and has just acquired video equipment.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed and participated in our Sisterhood programs and activities during 1987-88. Best wishes to Marion Mayman and her incoming Sisterhood Board for a successful term.

Ottawa Chevra Kadisha

Sam Petigorsky, Gabbai Rishon



The past year, 15 Kislev 5747 to 14 Kislev 5748, we serviced 65 cases, which is about the same number as the previous year. This is more than five cases a month, which is sufficient to keep the active members busy every week in the year.

Last year we instituted action to collect for the damage sustained to the chapel building due to blasting in the near vicinity. However, we must report that we were not successful and we cannot collect anything. The Chevra Kadisha will have to pay for the cost of repairs to the building.

A few members who completed their probationary period were accepted as full members of the Chevra Kadisha. The work of the Chevra Kadisha is not a pleasant or easy task and at times it is a difficult one. We wish to advise the community that the shrouds we use are sewn by hand by the women members of our Chevra Kadisha. The women meet for this purpose two evenings or more per month. In most cities, the Chevra Kadisha do not sew the shrouds but purchase them from other sources.

Our services are conducted in a dignified and efficient manner with compassion for the mourners.

Our annual meeting was held on December 1, 1987 and the following officers were elected to serve for one year: Sam Petigorsky — Gabbai Rishon; M. Sidney Green — Gabbai; Abe Hanser — Gabbai; Izzie Greenberg — Gabbai; Dr. Philip Gosewich — Recording Secretary; Martin K. Levinson — Financial Secretary; Abe Hanser — Treasurer.

Our annual Sabbath was held on November 28, 1987 at the Beth Shalom Synagogue. Following the services there was a kiddush luncheon which, as usual, was well attended. Our annual banquet was held on December 6, 1987 in the J.C.C. Assembly Hall. Our main speaker was Rabbi Saul Aranov.

We wish to express our thanks to the Ottawa Jewish community for their cooperation in the past and we hope this will continue in the future.

May the Almighty grant you all the best of health.

Labour Zionist Council

Harry Goldstein, Chairman



Labour Zionist Council is represented by the Histadrut League, Na'Amat Pioneer and their affiliated groups.

The annual Histadrut-Amal Campaign under the chairmanship of Manny Agulnik and his committee was once again held during the months of March and April. Monies raised from the campaign are allocated to the Lady Davis Amal Vocational High School in Jerusalem.

The 1987 season of Camp Geshet, supervised by Labour Zionist Council was a very successful and educational year. Dr. Myron Cherun, chairman, is pleased with the progress of this upcoming camp season. The Council partakes in helping with improvements to the camp and also subsidizes a child, whose family is unable to pay full price, an opportunity of having a fun-filled summer. The committee extends an invitation to the community to visit Camp Geshet on Highway 41, off Kaladar.

Dror-Habonim Youth Group, which meets every Friday evening at 1545 Chatelaine, also had a successful year under the capable leadership of Yona Prital, shlichah, and her husband, Shlomo. To date they have a membership of 100 children.

The 1987 Ottawa Jewish Telephone Directory, under the capable chairmanship of Debbie Krebs and the women of Na'Amat Pioneer, have once again done an outstanding job. The Telephone Directory is a welcome tool for the community. Meetings were held during the year with representation from the Histadrut League, Na'Amat Pioneer and Dror-Habonim Youth Group.

The Council also contributes to many of the community endeavours such as Arts Alive, Yom Hazamut and Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner.

B'nai Brith Women, Simcha Chapter (No. 1793)

Margery Snider, President

On January 24, 1988 Simcha Chapter became a full-fledged member of the B'nai Brith family with the granting of our charter by the international B'nai Brith Women organization. A luncheon held to celebrate the event and install the chapter's executive officers for 1988-89 was attended by senior officers and staff of B'nai Brith Women of Canada from Toronto and Montreal, as well as members of Ottawa Chapter No. 421, Clara Sheffe, who began the formation of Simcha Chapter over two years ago, was honoured at the luncheon.

Today the group is comprised of over two dozen energetic and enthusiastic single and married women, aged 25 to 40, who meet on a regular basis to enjoy evening programs which, over the past year, have ranged from art appreciation, to women's health and financial issues, to Jewish issues and teachings.

Our highly successful fund-raising projects during the past year include a garage sale and the sale of candy trays for Rosh Hashana gifts.

Our current local service projects include a Jewish Child Care Registry called Kinder Care, and collecting clothing and household articles for women's shelters. We are also collecting donated boys' clothing for the B'nai Brith Women Children's Home in Israel.

Social activities in the past year included a family barbecue and our annual Chanukah party.

Simcha Chapter is actively seeking new members who would like to share with us the friendships we have found and the opportunities we are making to contribute to our community. Anyone interested in information about the chapter or about any of our projects is invited to call Margery Snider (728-8931 evenings) or Aviva Diener (226-5064 days).

Ottawa Council of Hadassah-WIZO



Beverly Swedko, President WIZO

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO started this year on a high note with the excitement of "celebration 70" commemorating 70 years of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and our journey to Israel in the air.

September was Hadassah-WIZO month across the country and we here in Ottawa, were fortunate to have two students from Israel come to speak to us. We had a "Meet and Eat" evening at Temple Israel where we heard from Ilana Bravinsky, a student at Hadassim and Karen Comay, who attended Nahalal, while we dined on a delicious lasagna and salad dinner.

November was Bazaar month and for the first time in Ottawa we decided to try a Sunday Bazaar. With so many women going back to work we felt we had to change with the times. The Sunday Bazaar was so successful we are doing it again this year on October 23, 1988. On November 12-15 our 32nd Biennial convention was held in Montreal at the Sheraton Centre. Over 700 women attended from across Canada for three days of dynamic speakers, exciting workshops, and interesting informative meetings. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made. As well, we were proud to be present when Buddy Kizell of Ottawa was installed as Hadassah-WIZO National Vice-President. Following convention the Journey to Israel left from Mirabel. Over 400 men and women took advantage of this wonderful trip to not only visit our Hadassah-WIZO schools and institutions but also to see and simply enjoy the beautiful country. We were all touched by the words of Ida Nudel when she came to speak to us at our installation dinner at the Laromme Hotel in Jerusalem. So many of us had marched on her behalf and sent her cards and letters over the years that it was a moving moment when she walked into that room — a free woman at last. After the 10-day tour, many participants stayed on in Israel to visit or tour or soak up the sunshine of Eilat.

In December for the first time in many years we honoured our 50-year members. These women who have been members of our organization for 50 years and more were presented with a corsage, a scroll and treated to a most entertaining musical skit put on by some

of our talented members. This well attended evening was the culmination of our Youth Aliyah Campaign which raises funds for our many schools and day care centres in Israel.

A new project introduced to Ottawa this year was "A Taste of Chocolate". The Amit Chapter, under the Winterlude banner, held a one-day chocolate extravaganza at the Westin Hotel. It was an afternoon for eating chocolate, buying chocolate, learning how to use it in recipes — a chocoholic's delight. Watch for it in next year's Winterlude program.

March brought us to the Canada Israel Committee Conference with Benjamin Netanyahu as the keynote speaker at the dinner. Of course, the next day when Joe Clark spoke at the luncheon he raised the ire of Canadian Jews from coast to coast. That evening our Hadassah-WIZO National Executive Vice-President Lily Frank spoke at an open Council meeting for Ottawa members. It is an understatement to say we were all upset by the day's proceedings.

Throughout April and May we conducted our Medical Services Campaign to raise funds for the Asaf Harofe Hospital in Israel, where this year we are sponsoring the ophthalmology unit. Our drive ended with a dinner at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue on May 26 at which as our guest speaker was Naomi Frankenburg, National President of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO. In addition we were entertained by the Scarcella Dancers and in celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary lit candles on a huge birthday cake.

We look forward to our June Council meeting on the 14th at the Embassy West. Program plans are now underway for that evening.

We also have two ongoing projects: the "Travel Trip" in which an income tax receipt is given for a portion of your travel booking and: we save the proofs of purchase (UPC 1 bar codes) from various participating companies' products and return them to Fundraise Canada for a rebate.

As you can see by this report we have had an eventful year. Our chapters have been busy planning many successful programs in order to meet our commitments to our projects in Israel.

Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan



William Grossman, President

Charlotte Slack, Executive Secretary

We are now in our 55th year of operation and to date have granted 2719 loans. The Free Loan Association has been of particular benefit to newly-arrived Jewish immigrants with very little worldly goods.

Money is loaned in sums up to \$1,000 to applicants without charge of interest or expense of any kind.

The Officers of our organization at present are:

Honorary President: Solomon Zelikovitz

Immediate Past President: Thomas Sachs

President: William Grossman

Vice-Presidents: Hyman Gould, Joseph Zelikovitz, Reuben Kalin

Treasurer: Charles Wiseman

Executive Secretary: Charlotte Slack

Honorary Solicitor: Kenneth Radnoff

Honorary Accountant: Issie L. Landau, C.A.

Executive Committee: Lazarus Greenberg, Benjamin Feinstein, David Zelikovitz

Directors: Benes Cantor, Mrs. Mildred Drazin, Mrs. Sonia Kizell, Mrs. Leon Petegorsky, Hy Roodman, Carl Rosen, Rabbi Mordecai Y. Berger, Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, Rabbi Arnold Fine, Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein, Rabbi Saul Aranov, Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum.

Israel Branches Co-Chairman: Solomon Zelikovitz, William Grossman.

Vice-Chairmen: Isaac Levine, Misha Zbar.

Israel Secretary: Mrs. Esta Friedman.

We wish to point out that Wills and Bequests have been of valuable assistance to us, helping to increase our aid to those in need. So, please remember the Hebrew Free Loan Association in your will.

Adath Shalom Congregation

Fenja Brodo, Harvey Goldberg, Jack Shinder, Co-Presidents

Adath Shalom is a chavurah style egalitarian Conservative congregation, affiliated with the United Synagogue of America. In 1988 we celebrate our tenth year of serving the spiritual needs of our members.

With the dedicated work of the Board of Trustees and members under the leadership of a Co-ordinating Committee led by Jack Shinder, Harvey Goldberg and Fenja Brodo, 1987/88 has seen a major growth in our membership, vitality added to our services and programs and increased membership participation in all aspects of synagogue activity.

Under the able assistance of Jodie Futornick, a rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and with the cantorial and organizational skills of our own members, High Holy Days 5748 were very memorable. In line with our egalitarian philosophy, Adath Shalom was proud to be the first congregation in Ottawa to have a woman serve as their rabbi. We were pleased to continue the relationship at a pre-Passover Shabbaton weekend.

Shabbat morning services are held weekly at Greenbank School Library during the school year and at members' homes during the summer. A highlight of the services are divrei Torah prepared by our members. During 1987/88 we were particularly honoured to host the community Soviet Jewry Shabbat. The chagim were marked with services and special celebrations including a Succah Hop and a reading of a Purim shpiel.

Our educational programming was highlighted by a retreat on the theme of Jewish identity. For Tu B'Shevat we had a panel discussion on Ecology and Torah and a children's tiyul at the Museum of Natural Sciences. A Freedom Seder explored the meaning of freedom in our lives and our unity with world Jewry. Youth education included a series of Shabbat morning and holiday programs that combined fun with learning about Jewish heritage.

For more information about Adath Shalom please contact Harvey Goldberg at 825-5219.

Today's Scholars... Tomorrow's Leaders



Shalom Ottawa

**Danna Goldman,
Marion Silver,
Co-chairmen**

Shalom Ottawa is about to complete a very successful 1987-1988 season. Donna Goldman and Marion Silver have acted as co-chairmen of the committee and co-hostesses of the show. Within a magazine format, we have endeavoured to feature as wide a spectrum as possible of our Jewish community and have attempted to target both the Jewish and non-Jewish audience.

During the year some of our many guests have included Gerry Weiner, M.P., David Daubney, M.P., Dorothy Reitman, Chaviva Hosek, M.P.P., well-known Israeli singer Shimshon Bar-Noy, Shelley Ehrenworth of the Public Policy Forum and Rabbi Irvin Tanenbaum.

Using the porta-pak as often as possible, we conducted an on-location interview at the home of the Israeli Ambassador, Israel Gur-Arieh, and saw his art work; visited Brad Sabin-Hill at the National Library of Canada and viewed the Jacob M. Lowy collection of rare Jewish books; toured the Ottawa Food Bank with Mervin Mirsky; viewed photographs of vanishing Jewish communities at the home of Suzannah and Chuck Dalfen; learned of the symbolism attached to the foods of Rosh Hashana at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Reuven Bulka; and celebrated Purim with the children at Hillel Academy.

As well, we publicized community events such as the Hadassah Bazaar, Arts Alive, and the Israeli Brunch sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women.

Our committee members include Sam Neuman, Ava Goodman, Norm King, Vita Winthrop, Dorit Lapid, Tova Lynch, Barbara Slipacoff and Cayla Baylin. We greatly value each one's input and the strength of our show is built on their ideas.

Finally, it must be noted that Shalom Ottawa was nominated among the best in the Multicultural Series of shows and Marion Silver was nominated best "on-air personality" in that series by Skyline Cablevision. Alas, we did not win but then there is always next year. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to Lilian Laks for her help and guidance in seeing us through a most fulfilling and enjoyable year.

Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges

**Professor Eugene Rathman, Academic Director
Angela Sumegi, Associate Academic Director**

The 1987-88 academic year was an active one for the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges.

Visiting professors were appointed Canada-Israel Exchange Fellows at Canadian universities across the country.

Some of the leading scholars to visit Canada were Mordechai Abir (Hebrew University) at York University's Department of History; Ehud Harari (Hebrew University) at University of British Columbia's Department of Political Science; Joseph Lapid (Hebrew University) at Carleton's Department of Political Science; Gideon Toury (Tel Aviv University) at University of Ottawa's School of Translation; Juval Portugali (Tel Aviv University) at University of Calgary's Department of Geography; Dov Shinar (Hebrew University) at Concordia's Department of Communications; Gedaliahu Stroumsa (Hebrew University) at Université de Montréal.

All the scholars made a tremendous contribution to their respective institutions and communities. They taught both undergraduate and graduate courses, supervised student research, lectured widely before Jewish and general audiences and appeared frequently on radio and television. An indication of the impact of these scholars is the number of universities that are appointing additional Israeli visitors at their own expense or are applying to join the program.

The past academic year also saw the

expansion of the Foundation's program designed to assist Canadian scholars wishing to visit, teach and carry out research in Israel. Scholars from across the country, Carleton, York, Laval, Université du Québec à Montréal, Concordia, University of Toronto, all travelled to Israel as part of the Foundation's short-term exchange program.

In addition, the Foundation and the Quebec Government administered the Quebec lectureship, whereby Israeli scholars visited and lectured at major Quebec universities, and Quebec scholars made a counterpart visit to Israel.

Finally, the Foundation facilitated occasional exchange between Israel and Canada with the assistance of learned societies and institutions of higher learning in both countries. A further development in this connection is the Foundation's involvement in encouraging joint conferences between Israeli and Canadian universities. A major conference on Literature and Culture was organized by the Foundation and involved scholars from Quebec and Israel. The conference was held at Tel Aviv University.

Finally, the Foundation has embarked on an endowed chair programme. The first chair that was endowed was at the University of Calgary where grants totalling \$500,000 were obtained from the Belzberg Family, the Kahanoff Foundation and the Government of Alberta.

Congregation Machzikei Hadas

Akiva Kriger, President



As we fast approach the summer months, our congregation can look back on yet another successful and eventful shul year. Our membership continues to grow at a steady rate and this bodes well for our future, especially since we are attracting people of all ages. The concept of open seating, which is somewhat unique to our congregation, was reviewed and given the stamp of approval for the future.

This past year we concentrated on rejuvenating our youth program. We are extremely pleased with the results. Our junior congregation continues every Shabbat but now with two divisions to meet the different needs of our youngsters and pre-teens. In addition, youth groups have been started up with activities on virtually a weekly basis. This was done in conjunction with the Jewish Community Centre and was mutually advantageous.

Not to be outdone by our youngsters, the adult education committee has been hard at work. It has yet again provided an excellent and varied programs, including a very well attended shabbaton, and regular classes in talmud, sidur and Jewish ethics.

The breakfast committee organized a number of successful Sunday morning breakfasts. The guest speakers came from different fields and, without exception, were well received. They included Keith Spicer, who spoke on human rights, and Barry Turner, who

addressed us shortly after Joe Clark's infamous address to the Canada-Israel Committee.

Our fundraising efforts have achieved established goals. The congregation would be remiss in not taking this opportunity to thank the group of dedicated members who, week in and week out, donate hours of their time ensuring the continued success of our bingos. Their efforts are to be commended. Also, our Gold Draw committee is busily preparing for the annual draw to be held later this month. Our chairman is confident that all tickets will be sold and this optimism is reflected in the continuing efforts of his co-workers.

The Sisterhood continues to be a vital cog in the machinery of our shul. It offered a wide variety of educational and social programs, all of which were successful and well-attended. This is a positive reflection of the effort and capability of each of its members. We thank them for their continued good work.

What better way to end a busy year than to celebrate a bar mitzvah. Our congregation is celebrating the bar mitzvah of our move to Alta Vista from Murray Street. We are anticipating a large turnout for the weekend full of activities planned for June 11th and 12th, culminating in a gala affair on the Sunday evening. We all deserve to give ourselves a small pat on the back for a job well done and to ready ourselves for the work and successes that lie ahead.

Come over. Say shalom.



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